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UNI KILLER

SLAYS 34

"I thought it was a game"



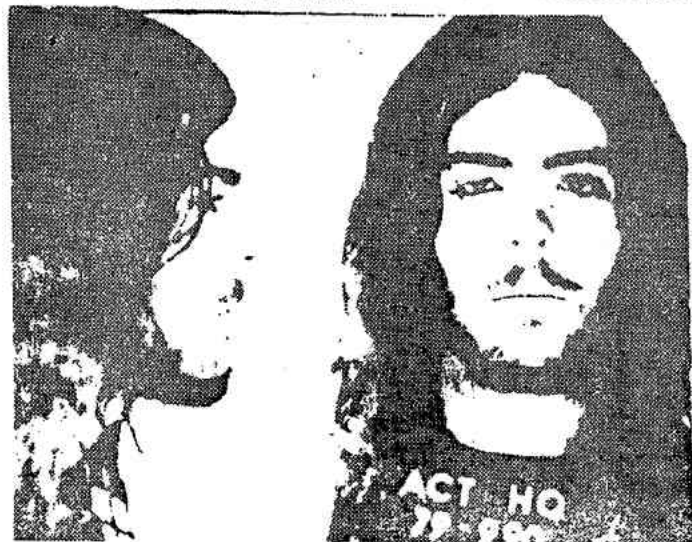
Natasha Fabulic ... first victim

Robert Kirdwood ... killed

Peter Christensen ... slayed

Helen Dakin ... murdered

Ian Burrows ... terminated



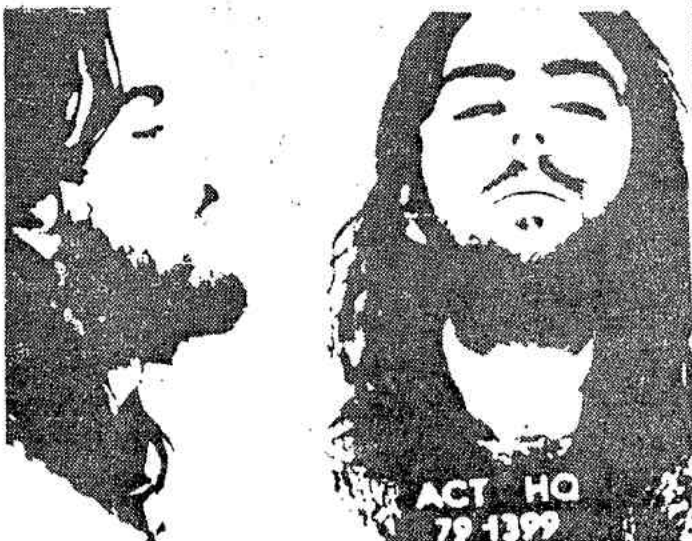
University officials and Police are still questioning a 25 year old man believed to be responsible for thirty four separate murders around Canberra last week.

Ron Levy, a student at the ANU was apprehended at 12.30 on Friday at the completion of the University sponsored "Murder Game". "We've never seen anything like it," a senior detective said, "he had photos of all his victims." Embarrassed organisers of the annual event say Mr Levy "just got carried away."

Many of the victims were Fine Arts students living at home. An angry crowd of parents and friends of the victims formed outside the Union Office when it became known Mr Levy had been apprehended.

When he was told of the seriousness of his actions, the alleged mass-murderer, a final year Arts/Law student said "Does this mean I may not be admitted to the bar?"

Sources close to the Students' Association said yesterday that even though the alleged mass-murderer may spend the rest of his life in an institution, he has been awarded the first prize of a dozen bottles of quality champagne.



Mr Ron Levy crazed killer

Never Mind the Editorial

The editorial is usually a last-minute job in this rag – and this is no exception. That says something about my state of consciousness, I suppose.

Here I lie in bed in my damp little room listening to JJJ (Bronsky Beat) on 2CN. I've just got home from the Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark concert'...

OMD were great. The mood of the evening was quite unique; the audience was small and quite quiet. [A nice pair of words] There was no sweaty euphoria and deafening adulation tonight – but the music was great. While OMD did their best to enthuse us between songs I had a series of great ideas for this blurb – I've forgotten most of them (surprise surprise) here's what I recall:

Next issue will be a Women's Issue: All female people are invited and encouraged to contribute to it.

Articles don't have to be about feminism – but if you're a woman, write! (or become a layout artiste) or do both! – Get into it!

What else did I think of? ... Oh yes – In the bar we were chatting about Zen and individuals and politics and bastards and people's opinions and society and Sportsgirl's latest 'fashion' ("Choose Life"). I said I hadn't read all the relevant books (de Beauvoir, Marx, Weber, any philosopher you can name): Five minutes later, when opinionated student politicians were the topic, I spouted some Yeats – a line from "A Prayer for my Daughter". Then I recalled an even more important quote: "Above all else, be true unto thine own self" – William S.

– "What does all this mean?" you think, – is he mad? NO NO – What I mean is that all we are is molecules – that's what everything is. That's why I'm going to write about a few drugs in forthcoming issues. Drugs are only molecules that interact with your molecular self – stay tuned for more info.

I'm off to sleep now – this will probably look pretty silly in the morning

Energetic Eddie
(S. Pratt)

P.S. It's now morning. My head hertz (what a buzz). Sorry about crapping on a bit, but who cares? I really dig R.E. McArthur's Sonnet (in the top right hand corner, p.) so read it. And finish his poem and win \$15 too

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Trojan Horse

"Misunderstood"

Dear Editors,

It would appear that in his response to my article, "A Trojan Horse Inside Australia", Philip Kellow has misread or misunderstood many of my statements. He has accused me in many instances of stating things which I did not say, or of holding a position contrary to that which I actually hold.

Therefore, to clarify these misunderstandings, I wish to point out the following:

1. I did not state that the Peace Movement was a "communist front", or that I was opposed to the Peace Movement *per se*.

What I did say was that there is a "leading factional interest" in the Peace Movement – an interest in the practical realisation of the theory of Marxism/Leninism – and it is this to which I am opposed.
(Read paragraphs 3 and 4 of my article)

2. I did not claim that the Peace Movement *per se* only supports unilateral disarmament.

What I did say was that "many people within the People for Nuclear Disarmament ... are calling for unilateral disarmament."
(Read paragraph 7)

3. I did not argue that an anti-US position is necessarily a pro-USSR one.

What I did say was that many leaders in the PND are affiliated with the Communist Party of Australia and other Marxist groups, and that they work through the disarmament issue and other auxiliary issues to promote their anti-US position.
(Read paragraph 8)

I have little doubt that a majority of people who are anti-nuclear, anti-uranium, anti-US bases, whatever, are sincerely motivated by a genuine concern to promote a safer and happier world.

4. I do realise that the current proliferation of arms (nuclear and conventional) can lead to the ultimate destruction of all life on earth.

(Read paragraph 3)

However, it is *people, not weapons* that start wars. Therefore, for so long as people are ideologically committed to a belief (and any belief) for which "the end justifies the means", and these means include cold blooded murder, the blatant denial of basic human rights, and aggressive expansionist policies, then true peace cannot exist.

5. I did argue that the only way to peace is to have a strong West, but not that it *must* arm and fight wars.

It *must*, however, develop a strong ideological counterproposal to the fallacies within Marxist/Leninist theory, and the human misery and injustice suffered in the resulting Communist practice. It *must* encourage multilateral disarmament by the safest, most appropriate and feasible means.

(Read paragraph 10)

Philip is right on one point. I do indeed have a mistrust and fear of another political system (i.e. Communism). The USSR has spoken for several years of 'peaceful co-existence', but this has not stopped them meddling into Afghanistan and Poland, supporting North Vietnam's take-over of South Vietnam and Cambodia, or Cuba's take-over of Angola. (I would therefore take with a grain of salt the USSR's 'no first strike' policy). So much for rhetoric!

Mark Burfield

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Computers

Students enrolled in CompSci, Statistics, Accounting, Maths etc. have been confronted with enormous troubles using the University's new VAX computers. They seem incapable of coping with the load – to the extent that simply getting on to the computer can be a slow process. Recently the Computer Management Committee decided to upgrade the computers' capacity, which may go some way to help the situation.

Regardless, it is absurd that the problems should be so acute. That teachers and students should have to reschedule assessment around the vagaries of the computer. It is unlikely that this situation will change in the foreseeable future. The Faculties Resources Committee has expressed concern at the growth in expenditure on computers over recent years, and are looking to some stable percentage of the budget to be allocated to computers in future. This seems an unreasonable expectation at least until the CompSci Department has an adequate range of undergrad courses operating, and there is stability in other departments' use of the machines.

Women in Honours

As reported in last 'Woroni', I have been concerned that the University's Equal Employment Opportunities Program has overlooked one of the major obstacles to women's employment in academia – the difficulties that lead to so few women completing honours and hence becoming eligible for postgraduate studies. Undergraduate enrolment statistics indicate the extent of the problem – total undergraduate enrolments show 2457 males to 2386 females, about even – in honours enrolments males begin to outstrip females 117 to 75. The trend worsens with the step up to postgraduate study. For example in Arts a

female majority of honours enrolments (41f/29m) has turned into a slender male majority in PhD enrolments (51m/47f).

University Council accepted my argument that something needed to be done to redress the situation. The reasons for attrition of women in study are complex – not all the problems are the direct result of University practices. Very little research has gone into the problems and it's difficult to do something about the problem when one doesn't adequately understand. I recommended to Council that a research officer be employed to look into the matter, to provide some concrete understanding on which to base policy. This was rejected by Council for reasons I still can't fathom (cost wasn't mentioned). However, the Vice Chancellor is considering ways of dealing with the problem, and has referred the issue out to the Board of Faculties and the Institute of Advanced Studies.

Federal Budget – TEAS

As you all will know by now – some good news (TEAS up by 10%) some some bad (growing indications that the Government is keen to have private enterprise fund research and even undergraduate study). Another disturbing aspect of the Government's approach to post-school study is the trend away from mature age study. Almost all encouragement to study reflected in the Budget is for school-leavers. ANU has traditionally had a high proportion of mature-age and part-time enrolments.

Bush Week

Bush Week was a qualified success. Many thanks to those who helped organise – Philip Kellow and David Morris for the lucrative Bush Week Rag, Bill Redpath, Fabian Sack, Donna Spears, David Barz and to the Forestry Society for organising events. No thanks to those participating in the Scavenger Hunt who used the occasion as an excuse for petty theft and vandalism.

Peter Taylor

Students Association Annual General Elections

Nominations are open for the following positions within the Students' Association:

- (i) President
- (ii) Treasurer
- (iii) Ten (10) General Representatives on the Association's Representative Council
- (iv) Four (4) Reps from the Faculty of Arts on the Representative Council
- (v) Two (2) " Faculty of Science " "
- (vi) Two (2) " Faculty of Economics " "
- (vii) One (1) " Faculty of Law " "
- (viii) One (1) " Faculty of Asian Studies " "
- (ix) One (1) " Part-time Students.
- (x) Woroni Editor(s)
- (xi) Five (5) Delegates to AUS Special Council/Student Convention

All ordinary members of the Association are eligible to nominate for positions (i), (ii) and (iii). Only members enrolled in the relevant Faculty are eligible to nominate for positions (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii). Only an ordinary member enrolled part-time is eligible to nominate for position (ix). Nominations close at 12 noon on September 19. Nominations should be in writing and be moved and seconded by two ordinary members of the Association, and include a statement of the candidate's willingness to accept the nomination. An ordinary member may nominate a position in more than one category. Nomination forms and copies of the Electoral Regulations are available from the Students' Association Office, Union Building.

Bill Redpath
Returning Officer.

Poetic Duel

Dear Duelling Poets – whoever you may be –

When I read your effort 'Two more lines than R.E. McArthur's "13 Lines" poem', I am reminded of a sentence in T.S. Eliot's introduction to his Faber 'Selected Poems of Ezra Pound' – to compare small things with great – 'I remember that Pound once induced me to destroy what I thought an excellent set of couplets; for, said he, "Pope has done this so well that you cannot do it better; and if you mean this as a burlesque, you had better suppress it, for you cannot parody Pope unless you can write better verse than Pope – and you can't ...". Incidentally, I highly recommend Eliot's introduction to anybody interested in writing poetry.

Sincerely,
Robert McArthur.

PEACE – DIG IT!

Dear Editors,
Congratulations on your Peace pages feature of Woroni Vol. 36 (9) 3rd August 1984. Readers interested in this feature please note the recent formation of an ACT division of SANA – Scientists Against Nuclear Arms. Membership is open to scientists, engineers and technologists, including the social and political sciences. Students in these fields can join for \$5 p.a., associate (non-science qualified) membership is \$10, full membership \$20.

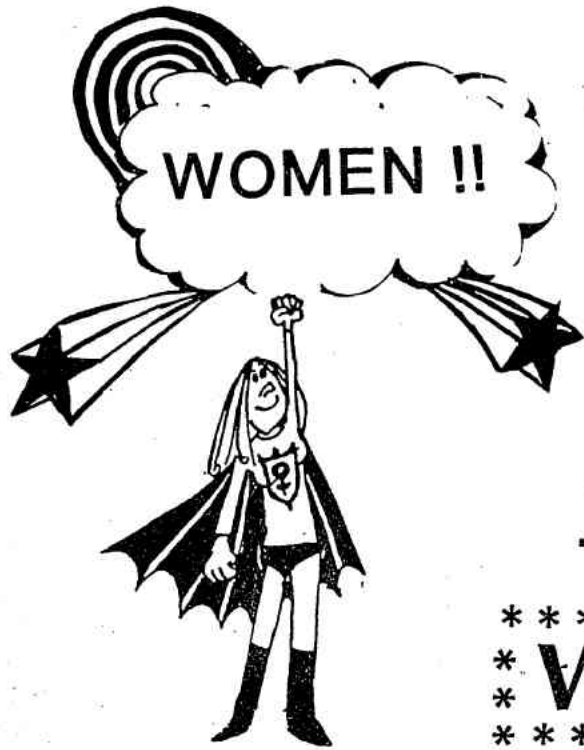
The primary aim of SANA is to halt and reverse the arms race, particularly in nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, and to work for the general promotion of world peace.

On the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima,

Yours sincerely,

Bernadette Hince
(Committee member, SANA, ACT)
GPO Box 1875 Canberra 2601.

WOMEN TAKE OVER WORONI

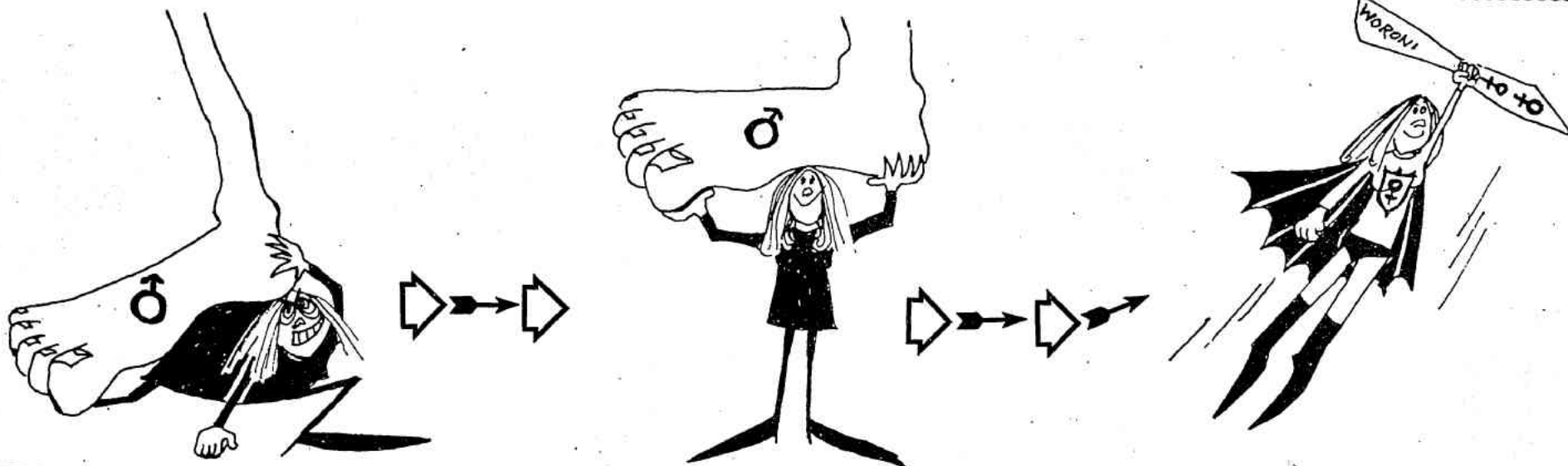


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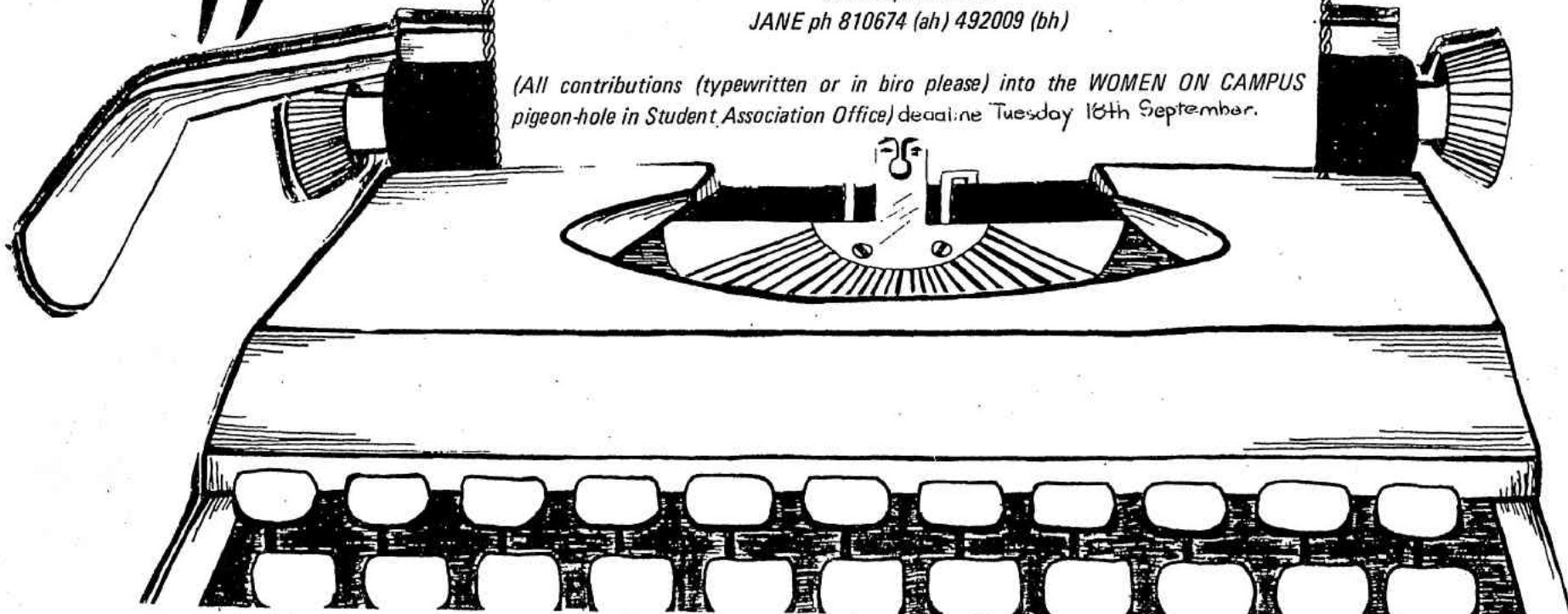
* **WOMEN'S WORONI** *



WOMEN ON CAMPUS PLANS TO PRODUCE A WOMEN'S ISSUE OF WORONI IN SEPTEMBER. WE AIM TO COVER A WIDE RANGE OF MATERIAL AND WE NEED LOTS OF ARTICLES BY WOMEN. WE WILL ALSO NEED HELP WITH LAYOUT PROBABLY ON THE 22nd AND 23rd SEPTEMBER. (IT SHOULD BE FUN). IF YOU CAN HELP WITH EITHER/BOTH, PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE, COME ALONG TO WOMEN ON CAMPUS (1.00 pm EACH WEDNESDAY) OR COME ALONG ON THE WEEKEND OF 22-23 SEPTEMBER.

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(All contributions (typewritten or in biro please) into the WOMEN ON CAMPUS pigeon-hole in Student Association Office) deaai:ne Tuesday 16th September.



ALL WOMEN WELCOME TO HELP

LAW SCHOOL FOUND GUILTY

THE GREAT LAW SCHOOL SHOW TRIAL

The Great Law School Show Trial was an unmitigated success. With a tiny budget, a lot of energy and a cogent critique of the teaching practices of the ANU Law School, LSAG produced a humorous and politically relevant piece of theatre.

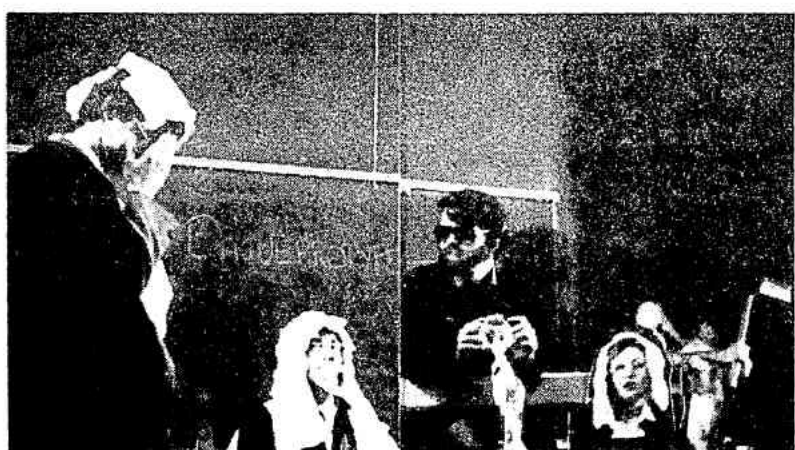
The Show Trial was performed three times: twice in the Law School, and once in the Union to a lay audience. Even non Law students who saw it were impressed and able to understand the play's arguments.

The success of the venture resulted not so much from individual performances (although Des Manderson as the Chief Justice, Anne Grey as the ordinary law student, Alex Anderson as Marxism and Caroline Adams as the Jester were all outstanding) but from the coherence of the script and the tightness of the collective direction. Actors representing various legal discourses were cross-examined by the counsel for the prosecution (John Buchanan) and found to be not represented in the Law School's teachings. The Law School was the accused and all of the witnesses (including Sociology of

Law, Natural Law, etc.) except one, Legal Formalism (Bill Redpath), testified to the Law School's intellectual narrowness. The presiding judges were less than fair in their treatment of the prosecution and they received the arguments of the defence (Christian Mikula) with remarkable sympathy. Finally the ANU Law school was brought before the court and eventually unmasked as the 'Legal System'. The moral of this tale is that you cannot view the Law School and its dominant discourse (Legal formalism) in isolation. In order to read your law courses politically you have to seek out the interests and structures which underpin such courses. One reservation — Was the ending entirely satisfactory? Unlike most I was not entirely convinced that the Law School did not have a double disguise. Could not the amorphous 'Legal System' have been unmasked as CAPITALISM, or was the resolution of the plot less radical than some would have liked.

Despite this, however, student activists have shown that political interventions need not only be restricted to the sombre settings of University committees or SA meetings. Political activity can be fun and, more importantly, (take note CADS) fun can be political. Thanks LSAG.

George Morgan



the NEW CONSTITUTION IN A NUTSHELL

At the last general meeting of the Students' Association a new constitution was passed which will set up a Students' Representative Council in 1985. this will be comprised of:

- General Representatives (elected by proportional representation)
- Ten Faculty Representatives (elected by proportional representation)
- One Representative, Elected by Part-time and Mature Age students
- The President
- The Treasurer

this will form the executive of the new Students Association and will perform certain administrative functions. The central policy-making body will still be the Students' Association General Meetings which will be held on a regular basis.

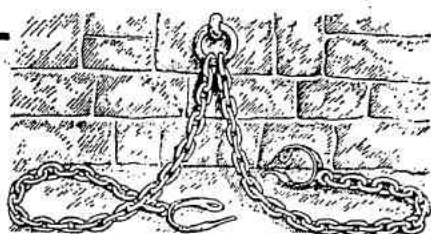
In order for the new S.R.C. to be a success, it is essential that it represents a broad range of student interests and political views. You are urged therefore to consider standing. Look out for the calls for nominations which will be issued in the next few weeks. All elections will be held together in October.

George Morgan
Left Alliance

THEATRICAL REVIEW

"BREAK AND ENTER"

Written by Mary Hutchison
Directed by Gail Kelley
Gorman Community Theatre
August 10-26 Tues.-Sat. 8.15,
Sun 5pm



The second act is similar in many ways. The four youths appear in the eighties. The local milkbar has been substituted for a drop-in centre; instead of just groups of friends, they now operate in collectives and so on. Even with the idealism that socialist and feminist thought has brought to these people, the family, the ties, and the often strained familial relationships still exist. In bringing the two seemingly different eras together Mary Hutchison has achieved a rather formidable task. And the best thing about it as theatre is that it works and works well. Gail Kelly's direction of a superbly written play has been handled with deftness and skill. She has arranged the set, the images, and the actors, in a way that is totally professional. The actors themselves, although young, have obviously spent a great deal of time and energy in production.

Although I don't wish to single out individuals I will by saying that Megan Cameron as Lil was one of the most powerful young actors I've seen in local theatre for a long time. Her capacity for pathos, strength and subtlety will hopefully see her go far in Australian theatre.

"Break and Enter" is a strong play for many reasons, as I've noted. By the time this review hits the streets (well, campus) it may well be over. However, the work of Mary Hutchison, Gail Kelly and the Canberra Youth Theatre Troupe has entered the arena of professional theatre. More of this sort of production will be a welcome oasis in the desert of Canberra theatre.

Marcus Kelson

Break and Enter is a play about Youth, the meaning of home, and the confusion of growing up.

The first act is about four young people growing up in the 1950s. Bob has just returned from the war full of Menzies propaganda about the suburban dream. It's a thin veil — Bob clings to these aspirations somehow realising that he no longer fits. Connie is a simple girl having left provincial Nardoo North for the bright lights of the big city. She too wants all the conveniences of the modern world and a place for her Elvis albums. Franco having just arrived from Italy discovers that the promised land is despairing and alienating. And Lil who has grown up in the area and went to school around the corner, now sees all her friends disappear — not caring, moving on.

The images and stance are well put together. The four often speak in monologues, facing the audience; turning and referring to each other trying to find something in common. And that is where the strength of the whole play lies. Four people from seemingly totally different backgrounds find a strange and somewhat ill-fitting camaraderie.

MOSCOW WAS NOT AMUSED

Moscow August 15 TASS. American radio networks which recently were taping US President Ronald Reagan's regular election-year statement recorded his words which he had said prior to reading out the text of his statement and which had not been intended for the public.

As has become known Reagan said literally the following: "My fellow Americans I am pleased to announce I just signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

In the White House they are now trying to make it appear that the head of the US Administration just indulged in "cracking a joke".

Reagan indeed has not signed any such legislation and no orders to bomb have been given this time either. But it is not fortuitous that the President's words have been received with serious concern both in the United States and elsewhere.

The episode has been justly seen as a manifestation of the selfsame frames of mind which have already been formulated officially before in calls for a "crusade" the doctrines of limited and protracted nuclear wars and the military-political plans of securing world dominance of the United States. In the US Administration

they now prefer to keep silent about all this but its practical actions are speaking for themselves. The crash effort to build up nuclear chemical and conventional arms is continuing. A new class of weaponry-space strike systems — is being developed.

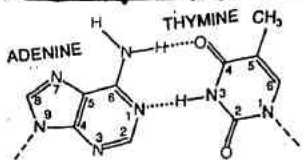
Use is being made of all ways and means, including a policy of state terrorism and direct applications of armed force, against independent countries whose home and foreign policy do not suit Washington.

Simultaneously, the process of the limitation and reduction of nuclear armaments and other talks aimed at ending the arms race and achieving disarmament are being blocked.

The unwillingness of the USA to work for peace and stronger international security again made itself manifest in Washington's refusal to seek agreement on preventing militarisation of space.

The policy of incumbent US Administration runs counter to the vital interests of humanity. It is futile and at the same time extremely dangerous. This calls for high vigilance of all those who cherish peace.

No pseudo-peace rhetoric which from time to time is used in Washington for election-year purposes should mislead anyone. The fact that this rhetoric is not matched by real actions is obvious. If anyone has any doubts on this score, the Latest "frankness" of President Reagan should be an eye-opener for them as well.



BLOOD AND IRON the science show

RADIO 2CY Saturdays at 12.40pm from August 25, and Tuesdays at 10.15pm from August 28.

Peter Mason's five-part series Blood and Iron will be heard in The Science Show on ABC Radion 2CY Saturdays at 12.40pm from August 25, and Tuesdays at 10.15pm from August 28.

Blood and iron are intimately involved in a story of war and peace — of Chinese bronzes, blood transfusions, vampires, Adolf Hitler and steel-making in Australia in 1984. "Blood and iron", said Mason, "started out as a popular science of steel but rapidly turned into a sort of poor man's War and Peace, with irons as the flawed hero in the drama; blood and steel the supporting actors.

What are the connections? Iron is not only the main constituent of steel: it's also the vital component of blood. It carries the oxygen we breathe through the bloodstream to the muscles and to the brain. And these connections take us from the Hittites to the Battle of the Falklands, from transfusing sheep's blood into a man, to Count Dracula and the vampires, and to the treatment of cancer by the orange light of a laser.

"Maybe Blood and Iron is popular science after all . . ."

PROGRAM 1, THE SWORD IN THE STONE

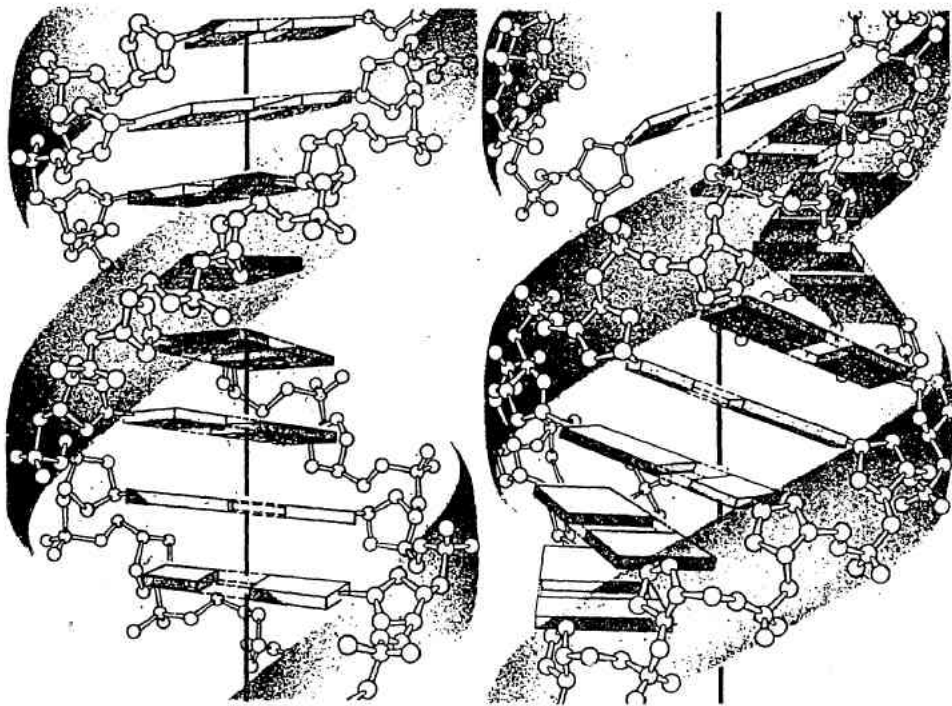
(AUGUST 25) — from the dawn of the Iron Age to the first military-industrial complex. It opens in Melbourne in 1958. Alfred Krupp, great-grandson of the Cannon King, is being heckled by a crowd of angry demonstrators. Why? The answers lead us back to the origin of iron weapons, Chinese steel-making, Henry Bessemer changing the world by making cheap steel in his converter, Krupp the Cannon King spying in England while wearing a pair of spurs, and the Franco-Prussian War. Bismarck makes his famous declaration: "The great questions of the day will not be settled by resolutions and majority votes, but by blood and iron". The tragedy of the Paris Commune concludes with the women's battalion being transported to New Caledonia, and the program ends with the World Show being held in Sydney in 1879.

Program 2 (Sept.1) looks at ironmaking in Australia, battleships, and Virginai Woolf.

Program 3 (Sept.8) when the world goes to war, Hitler hears an opera, and the Nazis fight in Spain.

Program 4 (Sept. 15) looks at steel and science in World War II, the Dambusters, problems of carbon monoxide poisoning iron in the blood.

Program 5 (Sept. 22) on unemployment, the collapse of the steel industry and acceleration of the arms race. The way ahead.



unctad essay competition

To mark its twentieth anniversary UNCTAD is sponsoring an essay competition for students and young academics.

Theme: Towards a reform of the international financial and trading systems in their mutual relationships, with special emphasis on the interests of the developing countries.

Length: Not exceeding 5,000 words; texts must be in type-script.

Language: One of the six official languages of the UN: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish.

Deadline: 15 November 1984

Conditions: Essays submitted must be original and must not have been published previously in any language. Entrants must not be staff members of any organization of the United Nations system.

Personal details required: Entrants should give name, address, date of birth, nationality and place of work or study.

Jurists: — Mr Gamani COREA, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
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 — H.E. Mr Martin HUSLID, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations Office at Geneva.
 — Professor Jack FORSTER, Director, Institute of Development Studies, University of Geneva.
 — Mr Herbert ONITIRI, Special Adviser to the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, United Nations Development Programme, New York.
 — Mr M.S. PANKINE, Head of the Department of International Economic Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Moscow.
 — Mr C. RAGHAVAN, Representative in Geneva of the Inter Press Service.
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Child Care in the Union

FRIDAY 14 SEPT
5 pm

A public meeting to discuss the potential of after-school child care in the Union will be held on Friday 14 September. The meeting will be in the Union Board Room at 5pm and child care will be available during the meeting. Anyone who is unable to attend is welcome to leave ideas and submissions with the Chair of the Union Board, Mr Marcus Kelson.

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THE STUDENTS' ALTERNATIVE

BUSH WEEK FRIDAY : ROHAN

SCAVENGER HUNT

The annual Bush Week Scavenger Hunt commenced at 2pm on Thursday the 16th of August, and concluded at 12pm the following day. The judging for the event commenced at 9am on Friday the 17th of August. Seven teams had registered, five from the halls and colleges, and two independent entries.

This year's Scavenger Hunt was the first to use an "early" and a "late" list system. What this entailed was the release at 2pm on Thursday of an "early" list. The list contained in the main items that were in either Melbourne or Sydney. The late list which contained more general targets was released at 9pm on Thursday.

At 9am on Friday, Don Grimes, voluntarily made an appearance in Union Court (this was before an important policy meeting he had to attend that day) on the invitation of N. Penny Williams of the Anti-Gravity Team. At the same time the Ursies team produced the Vice-Chancellor, Peter Karmel (even though he wasn't on the list (they were awarded points however).

The Bruce Hall team had by this time presented the "Dolly's" Caravan which they had towed from the Childers St Car Park. Little did they know that had caused an estimated loss of \$1000 to the Dolly's Caravan. According to the Dolly's attendant the loss was calculated in terms of a combination of internal damage which in turn caused a loss in sales. To cover costs prices had to be increased he said.

Interestingly however, the Bruce Hall team was able to successfully acquire all five of the "Welcome to Canberra" signs which were over a car width wide and longer than a large car length.

The big point winners were however Burton and Garran who were awarded 80 000 points for "acquiring" 63 Duntroon Cadets in full dress uniforms and having them parade in Union Court. Another successful stunt was that of the John XXIII team who "kidnapped" 2CC's Donna and Cameron (35,000 points were awarded). David Mason (President of John XXIII) was the main perpetrator of the stunt, and claimed the prize for the best Bushweek stunt of a keg of beer over the radio. Grinning from ear to ear, dressed like a 1920's gangster and carrying a violin case, he proudly presented the two smiling victims to the judges.

Finally, David Morris of the A.G.L. team swallowed two goldfish for 10,000 points from a faculty drink dispenser which had been acquired and stocked with two goldfish.

All in all, the Scavenger Hunt was a success. It was a shame though that Cockington Green had been vandalised (even though it might be pseudo English) and that students had been arrested during the night for a number of reasons. Perhaps next year might see a more peaceful Scavenger Hunt.

THE RESULTS WERE:

1st	Burton & Garran Hall	339,269
2nd	John XXIII	303,000
3rd	Burgmann	144,127
	Bruce	144,100
	Ursula	132,676
	A.G.L. (Coalition)	122,525
	Economics II	65,000

IRON MAN/PERSON EVENT

The Iron Man/Person event is a grueling spectacular where competitors vie to out "gross" each other by devouring huge quantities of undesirable food stuffs and drinks, and at the same time try to navigate a course and display their athletic prowess.

Despite the inclusion of the title in the "Bush Week Rag" of the "Iron Person" event, no female competitors were evident. This year's event consisted of in alcoholic terms only of forestry port.

Interesting ingredients were bananas dipped in tomato paste, Whiskettes, orange juice with raw eggs, and sardine milkshakes. Ken Boer of Toad Hall successfully completed the course to win first place (we're not sure how much (if at all) of the above items he regurgitated). After the event was completed, spectators dispersed rapidly like sheep as vomiting losers moved up the banks of Sullivans Creek. One was left wondering what it was all about. Many of the spectators around me had watched in amazement at this strange ritual spectacular. Perhaps the Philosophy Department (or for that matter the Psychology Department) could have an honours student write a thesis on it (I have a feeling someone already has), then we might all understand why people subject themselves to such strange ordeals.

BELLY SLIDE COMPETITION

It seems that what was originally a group of foresters' "brainstorm" for a camp entertainment sport, has become a new and successful Bushweek activity. Not only had the foresters this year organised the Iron Man/Person event but they also (other than umpiring the "boat races") set up the Belly Sliding Contest.

This contest saw competitors taking three step jumps onto a set of tables aligned in a linear fashion, draped with plastic, and lubricated with soapy water. Even though the foresters presented a well trained team, the "Ross Sigley" team just managed to beat them in the contest.

BOAT RACES

Following the successful "Belly Sliding" contest the "Boat races" took over. The term "Boat races" is used to describe a process where two teams try to out "skull" each other. Each member "skulls" a middy of beer consecutively down a line until the last member completes his or her "skull". The first team to complete this process wins.

Doubtless to say that towards the end of this process the participants become somewhat inebriated. There were several mixed teams, and a couple of all female teams who performed very well. It was in fact the mixed John XXIII team who won the event.

The group of spectators cheered as boat race after boat race gurgled along at high speed as team-mates skulled themselves to victory or stupor, or both. Needless to say this famous event will be repeated next year.



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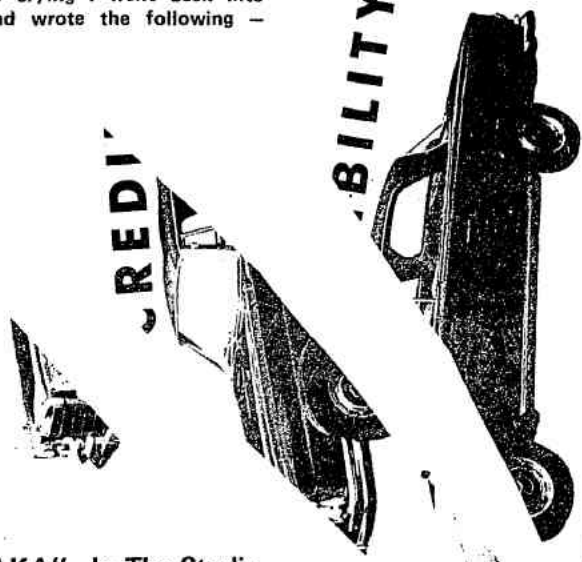
UNDER UNDER CURRENT CURRENT

After a rather jaded night on the tiles I crawled into the Union building on Friday morning after being up at 5am for a breakfast show on 2XX. After about an hour of writing up minutes I staggered out of the office for a welcome cup of coffee. I saw about 20 naked men run up the stairs. At this stage, somewhat bewildered and by now crying I went back into my little hole and wrote the following -

STREET

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Concert

Telephone Sex/Scattered Order
Uni Bar 18.8.84

First another apology. The Plunderers played first and I missed them altogether. Sorry folks. This was the fourth concert for Telephone Sex and despite a couple of technical faults, a pretty strong one as well. They play about half covers half originals. The covers are songs like Modern English's "Gathering Dust", Joy Division's "Exercise Ore" and Echo and the Bunnymen's "All my Colours". So hopefully that gives you some picture. Their own music often quite funky is pretty deftly handled and well despatched. The two strongest points on this occasion were Craig Stella's powerhouse drumming and the excellent guitar work of Chris Riley. As for criticisms, the mixing on the bass wasn't so crash hot and the singer needs to open his mouth and bellow a bit more. But I'm nit picking. With a little more ironing out of a couple of minor faults Telephone Sex could quite honestly be one of the best bands our fair city has ever seen.

Scattered Order were a ring in due to the fact that the previously booked band "Severed Heads" had the group's leader die the day before. Tragic for more than one reason. "Scattered Order" are like Musik Concrete meets Gang of Four. Er, I can't really say much more than that. They were interesting more for curiosities sake than anything else. Good to sit and watch but.

Albums

"The Special AKA" In The Studio

After the release of "More Specials", the Specials decided to call it a day. Three of them went off to become Funboys and subsequently Colour Fields (it's hard to keep up I know). The other half, revolving around General Gerry Dammers disappeared into a recording studio for two years. In that time they released four singles. The first was the frightening song about rape "The Boilers" - the other three (War Crimes, Free Nelson Mandela, and Racist Friend) have now found their way onto "In the Studio".

Gerry Dammers self imposed isolation brought many rumours of nervous breakdowns and the like into the English rock press. Thankfully they've been all put to pay by this rather arresting and diverse LP.

Bright Lights opens the first side. As always there is a SKA-ish tinge to the Special AKA but more influence now comes from a rather macabre sense of direction. Rather lugubrious and haunting organ playing is etched through out this song with Dick Cuthel's fluehorn giving that 30's jazz flavour.

"The bright lights, the bright lights,
I thought I might move down to London town
I could get in a band, have fun all year round

The living down there must be pretty easy
I could rip up my jeans deliberately
The streets really must be paved with gold
If everybody goes WHAM and has fun on the dole."

A scathing comment on social folkways is followed by the sorrowful "The Lonely Crowd"

"I'm going out tonight
Put on my trendy clothes
And head for where the in crowd goes
Might find true love who knows
Tonight might be the night.

Hollow sounding saxophone and carefully weaved in conga's compliment a very good song which reminds me a little of Soft Cell's "Bedsitter".

"There's a curfew on you
you're losing all contact
you just don't know what to do
You're caught in a house trap
Housebound."

The musical side of Housebound relies on strong syncopation, which immediately puts you out because of its strange beat. Having readjusted Rhoda Dakars impassioned vocals then hit you in the teeth. A powerful piece "Housebound" is, as obvious, the trap many women get caught into (put into).

"You wanna get out,
There's no way out."

The last two tracks on the first side pale a bit by comparison. "(What I like most about you is your) Girlfriend" doesn't have a great tune to go with it but certainly relieves some of the tension that the first three tracks invoke...

"I agree with what you say
I think it must be true
Your girlfriend has only got one fault
And that's you."

The last song "Night on the Tiles" centres around a person just wanting to get out and have a night on the tiles. In some ways it repeats "The lonely crowd" and "Housebound" but lacks the direction and strength of those two tracks.

Side 2 opens with "Free Nelson Mandela". By far it's the most commercial track on the album and the video even got nation wide air-play on the goggle box. The best thing about it is that Nelson Mandela has now been brought into the limelight and that the tyranny of African governments are being exposed - well looked at at least. "War Crimes" is another powerful and devastating song.

"I can still see people crying now who takes the blame. The numbers are different, the CRIME is still the same." Disturbing not just for its pleading nature but also a rather sinister violin creeps through this staggered reggae song. With the exception of "The Boiler" I think "War Crimes" is the best thing the "Special AKA" have done to date.

"Racist Friend" on the other hand is pretty simplistic. "If you have a Racist Friend it's time for your friendship to end." Although the feeling behind what is expressed is more than just valid it doesn't delve any deeper or probe into the reasons for racism. If it was another band perhaps I wouldn't be as critical but the Special AKA have the wherewithal to grab the issue by the throat; and they don't do it with Racist Friend.

The second last song "Alcohol" is quite similar to "Ghost Town". With an eerie and icy taint it reminds me of Eugene O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh"

"You tremble and you start the sweat
You don't want to withdraw
And when your flesh begins to crawl
You'd rather not be here at all."

I'm beginning to shiver already. Last track is an uplifting funky soul number "Breakdown the door". Breakdown the door, get out, be free, all that sort of stuff and powerful into the bargain.

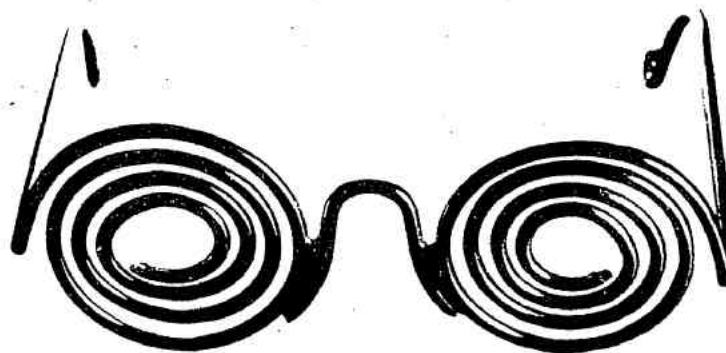
Looking back "In the Studio", despite its lows, is a powerful and evocative work of art. If there was more music around like this maybe then we could all start breaking down the doors.

The Saints A little madness to be Free

After such a brilliant concert a few weeks back I immediately went out the next day to purchase this little number. And what a pleasant, if somewhat unexpected, surprise. Apart from the latest singles on the album, Ghost Ships and Imagination the rest has many folk, blues and soul influences.

"Someone to tell me" is bursting at the seams with the booming soul of more familiar songs like "Know your protestant" (or was that product?) "Down the drain" and "It's only time" incorporate such things as very Dexy's sounding violins as well as cultured pathos and understanding. "Wrapped up and Blue" reminds me a little of Bob Dylan not just for the titles allusion but for the strong Woodie Guthrie influence. Other tracks that impressed me a great deal were "Photograph" and "the Hour". The former is a beautiful song of confusion and need while the latter is a culmination of certain states of emotion. And to cap it all off the album finishes with a celebratory love song called "Angel". Everyone needs a little madness to be free sometimes and many of those sorts of feelings are well captured on this understated album.

MACHINE



Again it's only a page long. The reason for this is that the importers of the sort of garbage that I listen to have been on holiday for a few weeks. Nevertheless I'll keep my earballs peeled for the newest gear (FAB). Oh by the way, on Let Down the other night it was mentioned that the Bronski Beat are soon to release an album called "Age of Consent". If it is anything near the quality of their single "Small Town Boy" it could be one of the year's best. Anyway, till next time.

Marcus Kelson

heroic dearth

I am sitting here in my son's lounge-room, looking rather decrepit in my rocking chair.

I may look and act as though I'm not all there. But believe me, I am. My son is sprawled out on a sofa, his wife and two kids next to him; the Prime Minister standing there, addressing us from the screen. And what hellish abuse they're giving him. I sit here witnessing not only these four sitting here, but the young of today generally absorbed in their cynicism. And they actually enjoy making delightfully sarcastic comments - about everything, particularly about the world leaders of today. Things weren't quite like this back then. World leaders then were more legendary, more like demi-gods, perhaps even closer to deities or gods. But certainly, they were more like heroes. Nowadays, a politician is a crook or so the expression goes. It makes me wonder whatever's happened to those heroes of yesteryear? Where have all the Gandhis, the Roosevelts, the Churchills, the Lenins and even the Stalins gone? I can hardly imagine Reagan or Thatcher as a modern day Roosevelt or Churchill. There just don't seem to be any more of those legendary world figures left.

I guess today's masses can afford to be cynical. They're so educated or at least more educated than their counterparts of yesteryear so that they have the tendency of ripping present world leaders to shreds; forever psycho-analysing them and criticising them. Today's average pleb, to use the modern day lingo, is not so easily fooled by the antics, rantings and ravings of world leaders. The average pleb doesn't feel that he's all that vulnerable to the communist threat, with a few exceptions. Some plebs even know their constitutional rights. In short, today's pleb is more educated to the extent that he refuses to accept Reagan, or Thatcher or whoever at face value. Today's pleb likes to dig deeper, evaluate, analyse and arrive at a cynical and depressing conclusion. Today's pleb has grown up from the child of yesteryear to the adult of this year; now more aware of the environment he lives in, the nuclear issues, the disarmament issues etc., etc. Today's pleb is more cynical, more pessimistic and less hopeful.

Technology in its advance could help to explain the shortage of heroes. Today, almost everyone has a magic box - the television. We have one right here in our lounge, one in almost every bedroom, in the dining room and one in the bathroom. So that we eat, shower, talk, sleep with and undress in front of world leaders. We have convenient access to them. We listen to them in casual talks and interviews and we are given the opportunity to look into their "other sides", their privacy, their affairs, their fetishes, their loves, their hates and their desires. Familiarity, so they say breeds contempt. Knowledge takes away the mystery, the very essence of a deity, and it's no fun. Or perhaps, it is. How can one deify something or someone that one can understand or relate to already subjected to exploitation!!!

Now, I remember a conversation that I had, not so long ago with Jack. We were discussing the very same topic - the shortage of heroes. He put it down to a single sentence - "It's demography", he said. There are more people living in the world today than there were decades ago. I can't remember how he explained it but I think I got the gist of it. Because of the general increase in population, competition is tougher; almost everyone has equal opportunity and no one emerges any better but just the same as the next pleb. There's an equal distribution of elites. In short, and in effect, one could sum up Jack's demography argument in one sentence, that is, everyone's a smart ass; everyone is just as good as the next person. Perhaps I'm not doing any justice to Jack's demography line.

An alternative explanation to the shortage of heroes dilemma could be summed up thus: "A crisis brings out the best in a man". We haven't as yet had a world war three so I suppose we could just wait until then to resolve the issue. If there will be anyone around then to testify, is another matter. Gandhi and the British Imperial authorities to deal with; Roosevelt and Churchill had world war two, Lenin and Trotsky had Russian Imperialism to do battle with. What do Reagan or Indira Gandhi, or Hawke or Thatcher have? Communism? Again, the average pleb does not view it as an immediate threat or something that is akin to a crisis. Was imperialism an immediate



threat to the Indians in India or the peasants in Russia? Gandhi and the Russian revolutionaries portrayed them as such. These were individuals of exceptional character so that they brought the Imperialist problem to the fore, bypassing all other issues, which would otherwise have been treated as secondary problems. At worst it may have been a moth-balled issue, relegated to a dormant state. Who knows?

Now, some would say that it's too early to tell. In other words a few years from now, my grandchildren will be looking retrospectively and say "Wasn't he (Reagan or Hawke) grand!", "Wasn't he something!" The legend is born after the figure passes away.

There are others who say that

RED ANTS

Once upon a time, there lived a little princess, all alone in a lovely ancient castle (lavishly restored to its original splendour), that was overrun by a horde of smelly little red ants. (They only smelt when one happened to step on them, which was, in the case of our heroine; alarmingly often.)

One day Rose was cleaning out the dirty pots from the previous night's debauched meal, which consisted of eye fillet, tastefully curried in last week's cabbage stock, and a can of warmed-up baked beans. She was muttering to herself about the latest tribe of smelly-ants she had just squashed when she heard the unmistakable sound of some loon knocking on the drawbridge. "Oh my!", she said to herself, as the last slave had died three months previously of a massive overdose of an obscure drug and no-one else seemed to be about. (Mind you, it had been a heavy job cutting the cadaver up and feeding the limbs and severed torso into the main boiler's furnace, but our resourceful heroine managed in the end.) Rose quickly looked in the mirror to see whether the scabs were visible and if there were any red ants in the pores of her dimples. There weren't, so she went to the drawbridge hoping that her caller hadn't become the breakfast of Leonardo, the voracious talking alligator. Rose couldn't hear bones being methodically split, so she let the portal down. "Telegram for you, miss", mumbled the awestruck young, lithe and tastefully-dressed es-

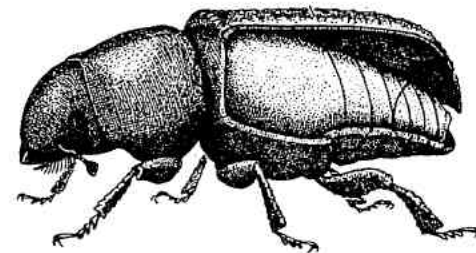
caped inmate of the local home for the criminally-inclined-to-go-for-strolls-in-the-park at dusk-with-long-raincoats-on.

"Oh, it's you Rachel, come in for a cuppa love," said Rose, who had the worst eyesight this side of the 'Bellevista home for clapped-out Optometrists (incorporated the "Happy Cat" pet cemetery)'. Not wanting to cause a scene here where there was absolutely no-one to see it, Rachel (not the Rachel that rose thought she was) graciously accepted. The fact that she hadn't eaten for several days didn't influence her decision in any way, shape or form.

Later, just as Rachel was pressing her concealed weapon into the quivering flesh of our poor Rose, a family of ants, on their way to a great picnic, came under the heel of their oppressed oppressor, and expired in a pink cloud of noxious fumes that overwhelmed the evildoer. Rose was safe. From now on, every minute that she lived was 'extra time' - a bonus. Never again would she curse as she extinguished (accidentally, of course) a party of ants, but gently sweep up their mangled corpses and deferentially cast them to the flames of eternity. Gone were the days of depressants, stimulants, chants, protective pants*, and deodorants that had peppered and marred her previous existence. Now she accepted the little insects as her friends, and played chess with them, when she was in the mood.

- Embarrassed.

* She sometimes sat on them, which was even worse than stepping on the blighters.

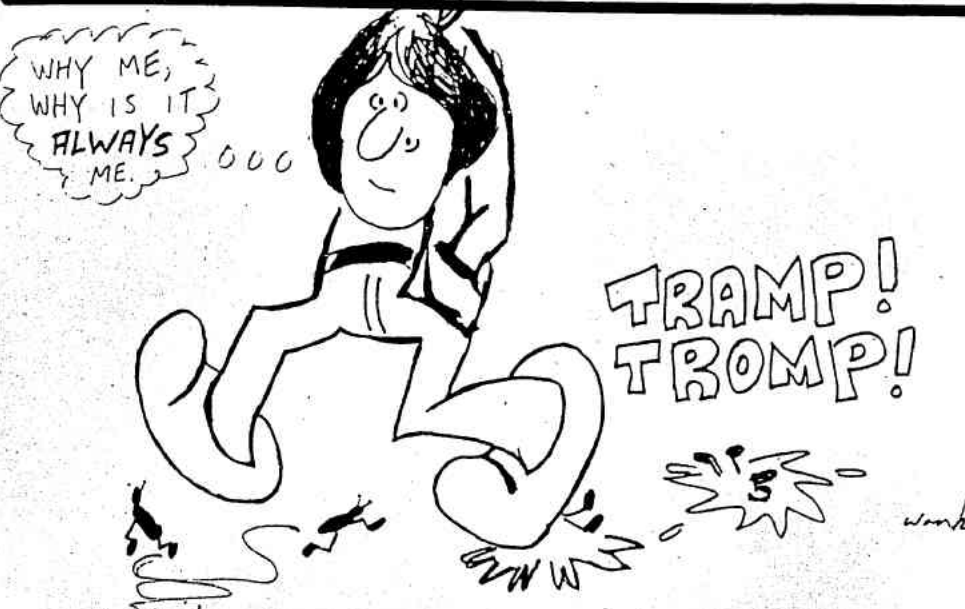


heroes are hard to come by. There's a time factor involved. In other words, a hero comes by once every such and such number of years. They're not cheap. I could just imagine the almighty saying to himself with a chuckle here and a snigger there: "I think I'll put one hero in this era here, one bunch of heroes in that era over there and another one right over there" etc. etc. This

latter reasoning is based on the idea of pre-destination, or very simply, fate.

I suppose one could always approach the issue by looking at global areas of conflict or crisis, such as Central South America for one, and keep an eye out for any heroes or potential heroes. Who's to say?

- IVA TORA



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...Poetry...

ALMOST A SONNET

Oh sonnet, so often harvested field,
Will you yet bear your precious fruit for me,
Who long so deeply for your gracious yield,
Imprisoned, and your holy gift's the key?
Bringer of order to chaotic souls,
Like clear pure dawn breaking down the night,
My heart is frayed but your touch consoles,
My brain is blind but you are the light.
As Bacchus tamed his leopards with a bit,
So you tame rebel feeling's swirling force:
With rhyme's tight bridle in your hands you sit,
Steering the chariot on predestined course.
The earth is civilized, the grape is tame,
Chaos has borne a new bright gift to fame.

— R.E. McArthur



SONNET

If I look at a flower in blank dismay,
And you look at it with rich-veined joy,
Then does that prove my soul is dead and grey,
And yours a fountain that no droughts destroy?
If music rapes your soul into delight,
And leaves me like a foreigner all dumb,
Who cannot speak that language, and whose plight
Leaves both his mind and lips so limply numb:
Then what has destiny reserved for me,
Since senses are a thick and deadening veil,
Opening no window for my soul to see,
Spreading no sea for my soul to sail? —
Unless in abstract things my soul may bathe,
While you the senses only pinch and scathe.

— R.E. McArthur.

SUBTLETY

too subtle by far
the frigid lion
he searched the wood for prey:

not knowing what he sought, at all,
unable to be gay:

but Harry, the crow, above him
he had an easier task —

just drink, not deep, but subtly
on God's eternal flask.

— R.E. McArthur.



ENCLOSED THOUGHTS

The sun evades the skirling sky
And touches itself upon the crescent graveyard;
The lineless forms, lost of shape,
The powdered shells, the exterior of a once living world
They could understand.

No one else knows,
And the relentless pounding,
Crushed and pushed, day in, day out:
They call for freedom from their world's motion.

Aching desperation —
A need to cry out and tell,
A need to want,
Trapped in their crystal sphere,
A sphere against which to fight and beat
But to a foregone solution;
A failure in the first round.

Who listens to their silent cries?
A desire to tell is lost in that overwhelming wave —
A form of calcium
Hides the inner feeling,
It shades the message:
Fight and shine to tell.

The thrust and thrust
To counteract this tide
Is the only way to push your thought;
But fear, once again contains desire
And the cry is drowned with those who know failure.

They know he will fall
As they have fallen,
To make up the graveyard like millions before:
They will make and ensure the future rests
On those who've passed
And today cries out
"Let me break and be the last."

Irving WASHINGTON.

SONNET

My voice, find harder tasks to undertake
Than singing in a grove of budding spring:
Find complex worlds to make and to unmake,
Don't strum upon a single passive string.
Find challenges that truth casts down on you
From off its mountain's fresh intransience,
Find tools each day your language to renew,
Beware the treachery of rhyme's pretence.
Don't seek attention for each languid phrase
That habits casts from heart to pen with ease,
Fame lies alone within the gods' bright gaze,
To seek it cheaply is a fool's disease.
Expect integrity to be a task,
With craftsman's hands tear off each gaudy mask.

— R.E. McArthur

COLD GOLDEN DAWN

Six bells chime the death of my Lady.

(A bell sounding for the locks of hair splashed on woven red;
a bell for her last faint words; a bell for the fading
light of shuttered eyes; a bell for the tear; a bell as
sleep sweeps her warm face cold; a bell for the massive
cerebral haemorrhage; a bell for my Lady, my Lady.)

A sliver of gold breaks over the water.

Leaves drift to the ground as birds flutter their desperate love
songs, twisted ecstatic cries, squawk! but my stained
cheeks tremble and I turn to the face of the water.

Red glow clouds ripples of silver. fish dance to a lustful
melody, splashing merry droplets through the warm
enveloping air. It scars me. I turn away.

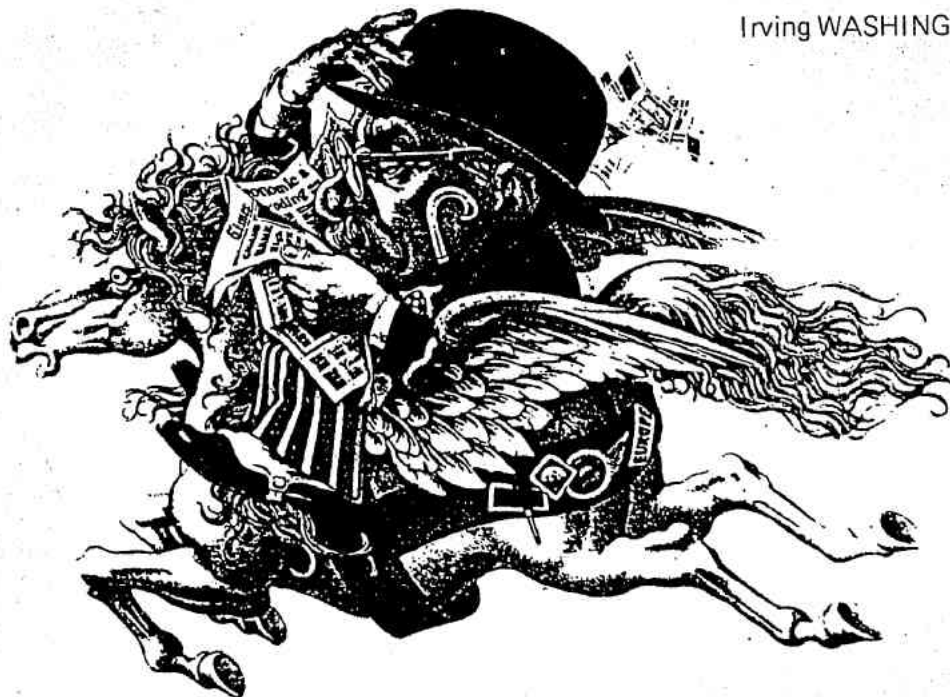
A bank of sparkling grass. fox and vixen play games of
procreation. My eyes fall to the ground.

In the dampness of morning, two worms writhe blindly in
the throes of an ancient rite. Beetles mount; dragonflies
paired, fulfil some primal urgency. Pollen floats over a rose.

With what solace does the morning calm my grief?

Fuck all.

Wesley Phoa



A.U.S. DIES MESSILY SO WHAT'S NEXT?

(Standby for proposals on rebuilding an effective, democratic National Student Union.)

This is the third of a series of letters sent out by Left Alliance Executive Members this year. It carries on from "Re-arranging the Deckchairs on the Titanic" and "Left in the Dark", recounting experiences inside AUS which have become worse rather than better. It contains information which will be vital in the confusing months to come, as well as some positive and realistic plans for the future.

Things quietened down after the events previously described, in which we documented the refusal of the Labor Left to deal effectively or honestly with the crisis precipitated by the disastrous secessions campaigns in Perth and Adelaide. However, the Executive meeting of May 26/27 supported a Labor Left proposal to carry the loss in revenue caused by the departure of these campuses by slashing regional funds, leaving the central bureaucracy relatively untouched. This move was clearly counter to Council's clear direction to strengthening the regions. It also left the Union's remaining money firmly in the hands of its ruling faction, and ensured a lesser role of the membership in determining its disposal.

Also at that meeting, Left Alliance made another of its innumerable calls for co-operation between the major pro-Union forces, and once again this call was rejected. There might be, said L.L. some issues on which we could come together, but they could perceive no need for an ongoing alliance, or even, detente.

On the eve of the Student Summit, we were horrified to read in the *Australian* (Wed. June 27th) of the "Shock Defection" of the five AUS national officers!!! This move appears to have been a purely factional one, made without any concern for its impact on the entire (fragile) student movement. Many union members, most of them "non-aligned" but also those from the different factions, felt abandoned and betrayed by this announcement, and many rang executive members to find out what had happened. All we knew was that people who publicly express such a lack of faith in the organisation whose affairs they were elected and paid to oversee, ought to have the grace to resign before they cause that body irreparable harm.

Unless, of course, that is their intention.

This upsetting affair set the scene for the Summit, an event which will be remembered with distaste by most of those who attended it. But the details of the Summit, with its dubious 'consensus' model, and unwarranted and offensive security measures, is not our business here. What *is*, was the press coverage the gathering received. The conservative Australian press has long been hungry for the demise of AUS, and fell like a vulture on the words of AUS Media Officer, David Kirner. Statements concerning the 'Winding up' of AUS and its replacement by "a less political, more representative student union" could not possibly have been authorised by the Summit, or by Council, or by any State Conferences, or by the Executive. In other words, and once again, the Labor Left faction had taken its own destructive message to the national press, claiming it to be the view of the Union. and once again, ordinary students were left to ring up equally mystified exec. members and state organisers in an attempt to find out what was going on. You might be interested to know that the Education VicePresident intended to produce a circular for the Federal Department of Education outlining the Union's 'real'

situation. Unfortunately, and despite a suggestion from us to the contrary, this document was never circulated to the membership, who, presumably, had a lesser right to information.

Many campuses now, and quite rightly, became worried about paying fees to a body discredited by its own leadership. Many were having severe financial problems and had better uses for student money than the resourcing of a moribund AUS, particularly in light of the refusal of the President to give assurances as to its future. Another matter of grave concern at the time was the breaking of a promise given by Labor Left that they would ensure a properly proportional election for the three replacement executive positions. This was not done and scrutineers were not allowed access to enough information to determine if the election had been conducted properly. Their renegeing meant the election of two of their own number which gave them, an outright majority on the executive, despite the fact that at Council earlier this year they had only been able to muster a little over 30%.

This sorry tale brings us to the latest Executive meeting, just held on the 4/5th August. We resigned our four executive positions at the end of that meeting for reasons which we have explained earlier in this, and in other letters, and which are coming now. We can no longer participate in something as fundamentally undemocratic and unaccountable as AUS is at present.

When the meeting (for which no agenda, or financial statements had been circulated) opened, our suggestion that the recently returned ASA delegate, Alan Fairley, be allowed to give his report before we spent the weekend on more complex matters (which is not only standard practice, but polite), was rejected in favour of a statement from the President, Michael O'Connor, who said he had a matter of some concern. We were then informed, out of the blue, that the Union was on the verge of financial collapse. After deducting payment to creditors, staff redundancy and other entitlements, the Union has only \$41,000 for the rest of the year. We were told that most of the staff would probably be retrenched on Monday and that they had been informed of this likelihood the day before. We were then informed, in a series of vile, ridiculous, unsubstantiated, unlikely and desperate attacks, that this was the fault of Left Alliance. Unable to understand the spontaneous reactions of the Union's confused and uninformed membership, they appeared to think that we had organised a tightly controlled financial boycott. This allegation is as offensive, as it is untrue. Whilst not particularly wishing to enter the debate on their own debased terms, we repeat our belief in the destabilizing effect of their own press statements, this impression has been confirmed by the testimony of many, many state conference participants and other students.

At the time we realised the futility of continuing such an argument and proposed a 2-hour break in which the

factions could prepare considered responses to the President's 'news'. (After this was accepted we again approached Labor Left regarding co-operation, an offer never formally responded to). During the next 2½ hours, Left Alliance people worked solidly to produce a detailed and realistic plan based on the presumption that AUS was already dead but in 'grave' need of a decent burial. We decided on three major priorities.

- 1) that staff interests be guaranteed.
- 2) that any outstanding commitments and debts be honoured
- 3) that the process of reconstructing the Australian Student movement be immediately begun.

We felt that it was up to this executive to make a last ditch stand by adopting proposals which would win back the financial and political support of the members. We proposed that all those

national officers (barring the Women's Officer who is answerable to the NWC) who had expressed their lack of confidence in the Union, resign, and that David Kirner (who is funded by CEP rather than AUS money) be appointed to oversee winding down operations. All severance moneys etc. owing to staff we recommended, should be put into a trust fund for protection whilst we used remaining funds to employ people for as long as possible. We also suggested the establishment of a cross-factional committee to liaise with staff members. We called for the overturning of the recent executive by-election results. Lastly, we wanted the executive to rationally decide on the reallocation of any left-over money.

Our major concerns, were to protect innocent staff members caught in political crossfire and to ensure that AUS's invaluable collection of files and other source materials could be got into shape for the benefit of succeeding national student organisations.

We came back to discover that nobody else had any concrete proposals to put. After listening to ours, Centre Unity came forward with a position not dissimilar, but which nonetheless sacked almost all staff members and which diverted remaining funds to the National Consultative Committee (the NCC). Labor Left modestly confined themselves to complete negativity preferring to 'exocet' other people's ideas than to provide any of their own. Their sole written contribution consisted of a telegram which was tabled, containing a complaint from a member campus SRC about a 'boycott' allegedly being arranged by the NSW State Organiser. This telegram however, was sent a day before the meeting claiming to authorize it was even held, leaving us with the feeling of having witnessed yet another in a long line of dirty tricks. Integrity aside, we found this document to be a totally inadequate response to the extreme crisis. After another break later that day, we were informed that Labor Left required still more time to work out a response, so we agreed to meet next morning.

Before Sunday's meeting started, Left Alliance met with two staff members. We found them, naturally, very worried and concerned. We found out that they'd been unsuccessfully requesting information on the Union's financial state for some weeks, and had only discovered the true state of things on the day in which they'd been given notice of their probable and immediate retrenchment. After this discussion, we committed ourselves to demanding of national officers that former AUS employees be given preference in the staffing of any new national student organisation.

Sunday's meeting opened with the presentation of the Labor Left submission. Eight of its 13 pages were

devoted to yet another sectarian broadside, culminating in a motion accusing Left Alliance members of the 'conspiracy' already mentioned. Supporting 'evidence' included the dubious telegram noted above and a personal note which had been written by the NSW State Organiser, which had been stolen from his briefcase from amongst his personal papers.

That the Labor Left are still resorting to this level of attack betrays the continuing paucity of their analysis. Time and time again they have preferred to launch vindictive attacks of the 'so-and-so is a trot-lover' variety, to engaging in serious debate about the future of the student movement they purport to represent.

Making yet another effort for co-operation we proposed that the executive attempt to develop a united proposal. *This suggestion was summarily rejected!* Formal debate ensued and the Labor Left 'position' eventually triumphed. Their 'solution', (carried 8 votes to 5) contains no statement of principle. It retrenches the bulk of the staff, and NSW and Qld State Organisers (though with the preference in re-employment provision we suggested) with four weeks notice being given to the WA Vic and SA State Organisers. A finance committee has been established with Labor Left and Centre Unity representatives to oversee the winding up process, with a brief to threaten legal action against debtor constituents. We found this package totally unacceptable particularly when it appeared to be solely premised on lies about ourselves. Left Alliance members have gone to great personal sacrifice and expense to defend this union and we will *not* be branded as liars and traitors. We are also angry at the way in which staff have been treated. Irresponsible and destructive national officers will be drawing pay cheques whilst staff members are waiting for the dole!

So this is why we have resigned. For years we have offered the olive branch, have leapt into breaches with good ideas,

and have persevered through abuse. We are no longer prepared to tolerate the corruption and the total lack of accountability found in AUS. Change from within is no longer possible, as we have been the last to admit. Remaining on the executive would only have legitimised whatever cynical actions may now be taken.

We also see some positive virtues in leaving now. No longer tied up with exec. machinations, Left Alliance members will be able to work on the education, peace, anti-sexism and anti-racism campaigns so necessary on Australian campuses, and already being undertaken by thousands of students. If we can rebuild student links at local, regional and national levels we will be using our time properly, rather than wasting it in futile debate with the conservative conspiracy theorists left burying the bones of AUS.

Student unions *ought* to be open democratic and of a participatory nature. With this in mind, students from SA, Vic, NSW, Qld, WA and the ACT have been developing proposals for a decentralised, national federation of students and we've been encouraged by the support we've received to date. Inside AUS, we provided a foil to the troglodyte Labor Left and were watchdogs over their abuse of our ill-starred Union. We will make for ourselves a better role in its successor.

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Jane Connors was not present at the August Exec. Meeting but agrees with the sentiments expressed in the article.

MEDIUM RARE

John Taylor Avoids the Lynch Mob

You never think it could happen to you. You read about it in the paper and glance at the adverts on the notice boards, but you never seriously contemplate it until one night, you're standing outside the Union Bistro in the full realisation that you are about to attend a Student Association General Meeting!

What possible reason could there be for my departure from this general apathy? A posse, headed by Alex 'Doc' Anderson and Karen 'the kid' James, was after John Taylor, black sheep of the Woroni family, and tonight was the showdown.

Being unlearned in the official processes of SA meetings, the whole evening was a rude awakening for myself. Getting off on the wrong foot, I somehow managed to mistake the meeting of the Left Alliance for the main meeting and had to spend ten minutes looking as if I knew/understood what the hell was going on. If that wasn't bad enough, as the meeting opened, I began to realise that the bistro was split into well defined political areas and yours truly was right in the middle of the Liberals; an awesome experience.

And so to the business at hand. An early motion was put that we proceed straightway to the Woroni affair, though this was defeated. This meant that the important but tedious issue of the SRC constitution had to be thrashed out first. Ah, what a sight to behold; student politicians in full swing, with Peter 'could-we-have-a-bit-of-quiet-please?' Taylor keeping a lenient but watchful control on proceedings, Kerry Corke rolling his eyes towards the heavens and offering yet another requiem prayer for the standing orders, and Bill 'has-anyone-seen-the-clubs-and-societies-book?' Redpath hovering in the background, emitting remorseful sighs over the whole affair.

Finally, around about 10 o'clock, came the one that we all (well, some of us) were waiting for and Alex Anderson took the floor for the opening blow. His manner, however, did not live up to my expectations of an enraged beast with fire in his eyes and the smell of (Taylor's) blood in his nostrils. In fact he had a rather casual approach to what he termed a 'light-hearted' proposal. This may have been the intent, but the debate was to become a little less than light-hearted before the end.

And as the debate raged on Mr Taylor showed how vital he thought the proceedings were by choosing to remain at home, watching Monty Python videos, as we were informed. ('Life of Alex', no doubt.)

Alex spoke for some time on the need for reasserting some control over the editorship of Woroni and that too much material was getting in under the guise of 'freedom of speech'. His discourse was also based on a major amendment to the original proposal, namely that Taylor was *not* to be banned but that a Publications Committee be set up to 'redraft' and 'clarify' the publications regulations, its main aim to generally assist the editors and the director of publications.

The proposal was thus stated in two parts. Firstly that the editors be given a 'slap on the wrists' and a directive to shape up their act because articles were creeping in that were 'irrelevant', 'boring', 'shoddy' and 'sexist', and, secondly, that the Publications Committee be founded.

Two of the editors spoke against the motion and were quite understandably 'pissed off'. The main thrust of their arguments was that they were elected by a 'mandate' from the public and a committee such as described would be empowered to dictate to the editors and change editorial policy. Herein lies the main weakness in Anderson's argument. Mr Anderson feels that John Taylor, by producing the sort of material that he does, is abusing his rights to freedom of speech and expression given to him by the editors.

The problem is, by putting forward this motion, Anderson is not only expressing a vote of 'no confidence' in the Director of Student Publications but also a questioning of the authority and effectiveness of the editors who give Alex the privilege to freedom of speech in Woroni. As for claims for the omission of articles that are 'irrelevant', 'boring' or 'shoddy' these are extremely relative terms and one person's opinion of what is 'boring' (which is a meaningless term, anyway) is bound to be different to another's.

Nevertheless, the first motion, to reprimand the editors, was defeated and the second, to set up the Publications Committee, was carried. If John Taylor promises to be a good boy and bite his cynical tongue, then he stays whether you like it or not. Tough luck for the Philosophy students, AGL members, student politicians and the religious, but for the others, Alex is taking subscriptions to the 'John Taylor Appreciation and Defence Society'.*

Bill Quinn

* A free membership gift, if you join now, is the "John Taylor" punching bag. There's just one thing, though; when you punch, it hits back.

OH NO IT'S:

FABRIQUE

by John Taylor

Thought for the time being
If music be the food of love, why
don't rabbits play banjos?

M. Harding

I.S., (IS HE?)

It was with much humour that I read the latest round of info from the pseudo-Democrats the International Socialists. Not that I wish to comment on their opinions per se (I for one am going to steer clear of the Asian Immigration debate; it's dynamite) I do wish that they would be a little less drastic and less full of dire prognostications.

I did wonder what our International Socialist looked like and lo and behold one was pointed out to me the other day. What a sorry sight. Almost all International Socialists are unshaven, especially in Canberra, all dress rather shabbily and have fingernails like toenails. I wonder if it is reactionary to be clean these days. I suppose so.

Most International Socialists are very hyperactive, I did note three or four sitting at a table chattering excitedly. Their noise and actions were reminiscent of a clique of demented gibbons.

International Socialists suffer terribly from a something called ideological cringe, where everything that one has, has inevitably reached ones sweaty fist by hook or by crook and is a product of the naughtiness inherent in the system. Ergo, smash the system. Another thing I did note was the presence of little red notebooks. I craned my neck for a better sticky and the titles were something like "The Use of Appalling Rhetoric" and "Teach Yourself Superlative Adjectives".

The International Socialists meet, I believe once a week. They scuttle into a Microcosm of the Kremlin in that cell of Marxism, Braddon and fulminate about the wickedness of people like me, and plot the revolution: a thing we have been surely promised by 1985.*

The Great Impressionists

Were great. I don't know whether I have enjoyed a cultural outing more. Despite the fact I missed 'Rumpole' (forgot to set the Video Recorder) and the cat wanted to rap-dance, the evening was worthwhile.

To those cultural illiterates amongst us the Australian National Gallery is that particularly nasty edifice, the twin of that other particularly nasty edifice, the High Court. I cannot for the life of me figure out why such a rotting shack, is called an Art Gallery.

DOLLY'S

take away food



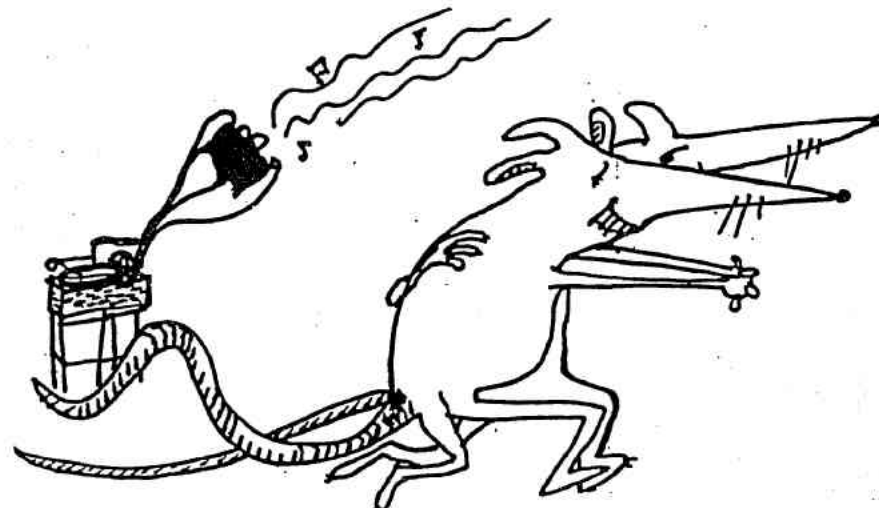
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RAT DANCING

Anyway, if one ignores such trivia as Blue Poles and weird constructs of yoghurt containers that could either be Andy Campell's mum or Dean Lukin in the nude, there are some damn nice paintings hanging around. The Great Impressionists lurked in a back corner of the gallery. One entered and was immediately assailed by a myriad of pix that ranged from good to genius. (The exhibition was made even more impressive by the fact that those who were socialists or dressed like Boy George were refused admittance.) But I digress. Our tribe strolled around and joined the milling throng. I surprised myself by not giggling once and actually being without a single mocking thought. I must have been running a temperature.

But it wasn't all serious, no, there was one particular picture by Rodin called rather euphemistically 'Recumbent Nude' which, for those, who missed out was a rather revealing

etching of the nether regions or thereabouts of a female personage. A young relative of mine who shall remain nameless asked what "Recumbent" meant. Mother tactfully explained that 'Recumbent' meant lying down. Little miss 11 pondered this for about a minute and then said quite piercingly "Oh I thought it mean (wait for it) ready to be *subdued*" As our charabanc wended its way home I realised with shocking finality that my young sister's mincing of words and her preoccupation with sex can only lead, irrevocably, to a sociology degree. Anyone want a precocious 11 year old for a sister? Going cheap.

* So we all know to go on holiday to Bali next year.

STUDENT AUTONOMY - A LIBERAL VIEW

One of the most important freedoms of a free society is the freedom of association, the freedom to organize with whom you choose, when you choose and on the conditions you choose.

It is the freedom behind the existence of political parties and trade unions, and other "political" bodies to which the government of the day is hostile, or even extremely hostile. One need only look at the energy that authoritarian and totalitarian governments expend on suppressing such bodies to realize their importance.

Unfortunately students on Australian tertiary campuses do not fully enjoy this freedom; they have to support both political and so-called "social and service" bodies whether they want to or not. Freedom of association of course encompasses the freedom to opt out of participation in any particular association.

This perhaps slightly misrepresents the position as you can always opt out of supporting these bodies by choosing not to go to university; the university administrations either refuse to enrol you or refuse to give you your degree until you have paid all your student union fees.

At ANU the position is slightly different to that at most Australian universities. They have the enlightened policy of "voluntary membership" (you tick the "NO" box on the General Services Fees form and you are not a member). You still however, have to pay the "General Services Fee" which is then paid straight to the Students' Association, the University Union and the Sports Union; GSF is basically a compulsory union fee.

At ANU the political, "representative" body is the Students' Association (S.A.). The Union and the Sports Union are the "social and services" bodies; the Union runs the Refectory, Union Shop, Bar and "K" Block

Canteen and the Sports Union runs the sports complex and funds sports clubs.

The question is why should all students have to fund a body like the Students' Association which is dominated by ideologues of both the left and the right; why should they have to fund an organization with whose policies they could well fundamentally disagree. And why should they be forced to pour a total of about half a million dollars each year into "service" organizations which should be able to make a surplus without relying on compulsory fees, and whose services are nearly never used anyway.

The Other Option - Student Autonomy

The other option is for membership of the Students' Association, the Union and the Sports Union to depend on the payment of fees and for the payment of fees to be truly voluntary - absolutely no heavy handed coercion from the University Administration. Of course there is no reason why the University could not go on collecting fees for these bodies; when you turn up to enrol at the beginning of the year you would have the option of paying membership fees then and there.

This would return to students the option of not funding an organization whose services they do not use or with whose policy they disagree. This would in turn force the organizations to gear their services more closely to the needs of students and make their policy more relevant to students (it would be the end of controversial policy on El Salvador and might actually see some rational policy on education and student welfare passed and acted upon).

Returning this sanction to students would not only lead to a more equitable situation, it could lead to more responsible and worthwhile organizations.

But how realistic is this option?

A number of people say that students' organizations could not survive or that "vital" services would stop without compulsory fees and so such fees must be retained whatever the equity and civil liberties considerations. (Strangely, these people are usually among those with a vested interest in the status quo. And they are the people who put the most emphasis on participation, activism and autonomous collectives which are all about voluntary involvement; perhaps things are different where the hip-pocket is at stake.) But would the student organizations collapse and would "vital" services be stashed?

*The Students' Association

The SA exists so that it can represent the interests of students, or at least that is the justification which is always used for giving the SA GSF money. As a bonus extra the SA is good enough to channel some of its confiscated student money into *Woroni* and various campus clubs and societies. To do all this it gets about \$120,000 of our money each year.

Clubs and societies getting lots of money without doing any work is all very nice for the clubs or societies, but why should students have to pay for it, particularly as most students are not heavily involved in any club or society and the money is broken up between clubs in a manner which bears little relation to the number of people involved in the clubs, the levels of involvement or the "worth" of the club's activities. (This is not to say that clubs and societies are less worthy causes than other things on which the SA spends its money.)

Although a voluntary SA would have to look more carefully at its priorities and would certainly reduce grants to clubs and societies it would

still be able to provide the most important resources of information and advice; besides, the extraction by force of large amounts of money from students so that clubs and societies can be subsidized cannot be justified.

There are a number of ways *Woroni* can be financed without compulsory fees. The best way would probably be through a combination of money from the voluntary membership fees, increased advertising, public subscriptions (2XX is funded to a large extent in this way), money from the Union (not money raised through increased GSF payments to the Union, but from increased surpluses made through greater efficiency - see the section on the Union below) and a slimmer format (say 8 or 12 interesting pages instead of 24 or 32 pages of bums).

Now, just exactly how much money is needed for the SA to be able to "represent" us? - let's assume for the moment that its representations on behalf of students actually advance the interests of students.

There are, independently of the SA, student representatives on all the important decision making bodies of the University including the Board of the Faculties and University Council.

Basically, the SA, through general meetings and its Students' Representative Council, has to formulate propositions, which if implemented would advance the interests of students and then present them to the Administration and the decision-making bodies. The support needed for this can be funded easily through a reasonable, voluntary membership fee which almost everyone would pay.

The Students' Association could become voluntary almost immediately and thrive.

*The Union and Sports Union

Both the Union and the Sports Union provide numerous tangible non-"public good" type services. Both therefore could survive and even

prosper with voluntary membership fees by making those who use the services pay for them, and by cutting overheads, particularly in administration. One way to cut administrative costs would be for the two bodies to amalgamate and combine their administrations.

In the case of the Union the move to making users pay would probably involve a reduction in food variety rather than price increases. The reduction in variety would be compensated for by the fact that there would no longer be a compulsory levy of about \$70 per student per year. (This levy is at present contained in the General Services Fee.)

The Sports Union would have to reduce grants to its affiliated sports clubs; the question of grants to clubs has already been addressed. The Sports Union gets about \$40 per student in GSF money each year.

Unlike the case of the SA it would be difficult to introduce voluntary fees for the Union and Sports Union immediately as it would take them a while to restructure their operations and reduce their capital debt which was taken on in the expectation of continued compulsory fees. It is therefore suggested that a definite period be set at the end of which fees would become voluntary.

Conclusion

A move to voluntary membership fees is clearly possible and would be more equitable and have a number of other desirable consequences.

In the light of this students must ask why the leadership of the three organizations are colluding with the University Administration to extract money from students in a manner which breaches fundamental human rights. The possible answers do not show either the leadership of the organizations or the Administration in a complimentary light.

Glenn Phillips

NUCLEAR POWER - AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY

It is a matter of extreme regret that in most of the public debate which goes on concerning the advantages of nuclear power, people have allowed blind emotion to triumph over undeniable and telling scientific fact.

To put it simply, if nuclear power was able to totally replace coal as the world's means of producing electricity, we would all be much, much safer. That so many people (including myself, until recently) should be unaware of the relevant scientific data is something which disturbs me deeply, and this article is intended as one small attempt to try and rectify this tragic distortion of fact.

Perhaps the strongest misunderstanding surrounds the danger of "melt-downs", the hypothetical situation where a reactor malfunctions to the extent that its outer core is melted through and radioactive elements escape into the atmosphere, contaminating large areas and causing cancers amongst the surrounding population. The closest thing to this in 30 years of nuclear power generation was that at the Three Mile Island, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. What most people don't seem to realize is that this "incident" was not even close to a meltdown; although there was an evacuation of pregnant women and pre-school children from the nearby town, there was *not* the full-scale evacuation which occurs many times a year in the US after chemical spills. And yet we never hear the anti-nukes demanding a end to the use of dangerous chemicals.

What was even more horrifying to me as someone who was quite convinced of the "terrible danger" of melt-downs were the likely consequences if there had been a meltdown. Just brace yourselves for these figures: I could hardly believe them. According to the US Government Nuclear Regulatory Commission there would have to be a meltdown every *two weeks* to match the number of deaths caused by

coal burning in the US. Air pollution from coal burning alone kills 10,000 people a year in the US (some estimates are much higher), whereas the average meltdown of a nuclear reactor would kill only 400 people. Now, the possible meltdown quoted by the media after Three-Mile Island was one which could kill up to 45,000 people; but according to the government figures, such a meltdown would occur in one out of a 100,000 melt-downs. Even according to the anti-nuclear Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), who postulate an average meltdown death toll of 4,000, there would only be a meltdown every five years if all electricity in the US was provided by nuclear reactors. And even if one accepts this figure (which is highly questionable, considering there has never been a meltdown anywhere in the world in over 30 years of peaceful nuclear power generation) this results in an average death toll of 800 a year from a nuclear industry producing all the US' electricity. This compares to a present death toll of 10,000 a year from coal burning air pollution; and the Government estimates, I might add, are of an average death toll of 8/year in an all nuclear power situation.

Nuclear power does not appear quite so rosy if the figures are put in terms of loss of life expectancy for the average American, because coal air pollution affects mainly the elderly, who have a much lower life expectancy. Again, however, the case for nuclear power is undeniable. If nuclear energy were to completely replace coal, the average American would have on average seven days cut off from his/her life expectancy, according to the Government, or nine days according to the UCS. This compares to the present average loss of 20 days from coal, oil, gas, hydro-electric and nuclear combined. Remember also that the nuclear figure contains all possible risks, namely routine emission deaths, reactor accidents (melt-downs), transport accidents, and eventual deaths from nuclear waste. Just to put these figures in perspective, the average loss of life expectancy from smoking 20-39 cigarettes a day is over five years, 200 times greater than if all electric power in the US was provided by reactors.



"What about a non-proliferation of students pact?"

WE'VE ALL BEEN FOOLED!!

But is this what most people think? No way! Most Americans in a recent survey said nuclear power was their number one present risk of death, when in fact death by motor accident is, at the present level of nuclear generation, a 116 times greater threat! Why on earth is this so; simply because of the massive campaign of both deliberate and unintentional mis-information and hype in the press, and especially amongst the left-wing elements of our community. They're all too willing to inform us of the consequences of the 1 in a 100,000 meltdown, but are only too happy to ignore the 10,000 deaths in the US alone every year from coal burning air pollution, and the disastrous despoilation of Europe's forests from acid rain. We here oh so much of the dangers of waste from nuclear reactors, but never about the dangers of radioactive waste from coal burning, which will eventually kill "thousands of times as many people as the nuclear wastes will", according to Professor Bernard Cohen of the University of Pittsburgh.

Nor is there any substance to the alleged links between uranium for

electrical power generation and uranium for nuclear weapons. Even if all peaceful nuclear reactors were to cease operating, there would be absolutely no difference in the number of warheads possessed by the nuclear powers. The chances of Australian uranium, for example, making any difference to the arms race is all but nil. And the chances of all out nuclear war are grossly exaggerated. If all the Left's dire predictions about the chances of nuclear war were correct we surely would have had one by now; its absence suggests that such a conflict serves the interests of no one and is most unlikely to occur. The primary point to be made about peaceful and military uses of uranium is that just because there are some links between peaceful and military uses does not mean we should reject the cleanest, safest and, outside the United States, cheapest form of producing electricity in the history of man.

THOUSANDS DEAD, BILLIONS WASTED

It is a great pity that the forces of reaction in the US should have suc-

ceeded in severely damaging that nation's nuclear industry. They have of course used the classic Leftist device to muck up the private sector; namely Government intervention, the surest way of ruining a healthy and profitable industry yet devised. The imposition of ridiculously high safety standards has resulted in billions being spent to control problems such as radiation, which, as we have seen, constitute only a small danger to society. For every life saved, roughly a billion dollars has been expended by the US civilian nuclear industry. If it had gone to provide better medical services or highway safety, then 20,000 people could have been saved for that same \$1 billion.

It's pretty clear from these figures, and the horrific consequences of coal burning, that all those who are anti-nuclear have a great deal of blood on their hands, directly or indirectly. I guess they must all feel pretty proud; after all, it's not every one of us who can participate in the murder of hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians. Just remember that in the United States alone, over 5,000 people have already died this year from the catastrophic effects of coal burning. Every time we build a coal powered station in preference to a reactor, we condemn thousands to their deaths. Ironically, it's often said that we must ban nuclear power because of the deleterious effects it could have on future generations. They will, it's argued, look back in envy and with gladness at our coal burning, non-nuclear "Paradise", which has saved them from all the "terrible" dangers of reactor wastes. The reality, I suspect, is that they will live in a nuclear Paradise, and will have tears in their eyes; tears, that is, of laughter, that we could have been so stupid as to ignore the tremendous benefits of civilian nuclear power. If it wasn't so bloody tragic, it really would be hilarious.

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NB. All the figures in the above article are quoted from a number of articles by Professor Bernard Cohen of the University of Pittsburgh. Please feel free to request copies from me, at Burgmann College.

ANU LIBERAL SOCIETY

STUDENT UNIONISM POLICY

The ANU Liberal Society believes that there is an urgent need for the reform of campus and national student organization to make them more accountable (and so more responsive to student needs and opinions), more efficient and more equitably organized. The Society also believes that student organizations must be based on free association and must be autonomous, independent from university administrations. The ANU Liberal Society therefore believes that —

— the 1982 student referendum calling for the establishment within the structure of the Students' Association of a Students' Representative Council should be implemented as quickly as possible and that the SRC should have responsibility for both the Students' Association's management and policy.

— the Students' Association, even after the establishment of an SRC, should not seek to make representations on behalf of students in a department or faculty where there is an active representative body (like the Law Society and the Geology Society) and the SA should support the development of such department and faculty based bodies.

— the SA should leave the Australian Union of Students and should work towards the establishment of an alternative national representative body modelled on the Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee, that is, a body composed of the Presidents of campus representative bodies (Students' Associations, Unions, Guilds, Representative Councils) with a small rotating "secretariat" and a charter restricting its activities to education and student issues.

— the Union and the Sports Union should be amalgamated to reduce administrative costs and to bring the Sports Union's facilities under the control of a more representative body, a body in which a substantial portion of the student body takes an interest.

— the SA, Union and Sports Union should cease to be funded from a compulsory "General Services Fee" with voluntary membership fees being introduced straight away from the SA and within a determined period in the case of the Union and Sports Union so that they have the opportunity to restructure their operations and substantially reduce their outstanding debts.



LIAISING WITH PUNKS

So I'm a "vitriolic clown" am I Marcus BABY Well, since you call me one, I might as well start acting like one, and publish some of the vitriol and dirt that lies scattered throughout our wonderful Union.

First and foremost, what of the pathetic trading performance of the Union so far this year under your chairmanship, Marcus DEAR. Sales in the bar, according to the report of C.R. Bird, Financial Controller, "have actually decreased in comparison to the same period for 1983". Average sales growth of all the "Direct Trading Areas" (Institutional Catering Bar and Amusements and Union Shop) has been a whopping 3.3% Marcus MATE, which is about half the current rate of inflation, or in other words, a "real" LOSS.

Partly because of this, drastic revisions have had to be made to the original Union budget. The \$65,000 drop in sales, the \$59,000 increase in salaries and wages, and the introduction of a 30 hour week costing \$14,300 have necessitated a huge reduction of \$71,900 in overheads and a revised surplus of \$58,000, \$11,000 less than the original estimate. The Union's Development Reserve has also had to be cut by \$12,000, at a time when the Bar, especially, is in drastic need of redevelopment. Note the peeling paint and general air of decrepitude. This is also at a time when the Chairman's salary has been increased from \$8,000 to about \$11,000 (and backdated to the beginning of the year), for a job which only involves "liaising" between students, Board and Management, sitting on about four committees, and keeping an eye on Management. Marcus

Kelson is by all accounts too incompetent to manage even this, but at least the Board might have agreed to a motion making the position part-time with a salary equivalent to the level of full adult TEAS (about \$6,000), when the Union's finances are in so much trouble.

What has been the cause of all these problems? Well, the Financial Controller has a devastatingly simple indictment for Marcus and his Board; "The general facilities currently offered at the Union are not as attractive as those of other nearby clubs and social centres". Bloody oath! Where would you rather go for a drink; to the Union Bar where you can "liaise" with all the punks who aren't tolerated in most other pubs and most of whom are not members of the Union and do not pay the GSF, or the many other pubs around Canberra which are the first choice of most students? Marcus himself admits that "the Union's prices across the board, are not much higher than anywhere else" (Woroni 9), what fucking right have they got to be when the Union receives \$209,000 in general services fees every year! So I'm the "clown" am I Marcus; well, at least I don't run a union which has the gall to compulsorily levy large sums of money from every student and then offers such piss poor services very often to people who aren't even members!

Well might we ask whether the Union Board is going to have the guts to change this situation. The answer appears to be a resounding "NO". Recently the Board resolved to adopt a position "whereby no drugs of an illegal nature would be tolerated in the Union Building". But at the last meeting of the Board it refused to censure a Board Member for smoking marijuana

in the Union Building! Good stuff eh! It was resolved in May of this year that something be done about "non-members coming into the Bar, particularly punks", but I haven't noticed much difference. Have your Marcus MATE? Now, a voluntary body, accountable to its members, would simply not tolerate clientele like that, who, in the Board's own words, produce an "environment" in the Bar leading "a lot of students from the halls and colleges not (to) venture to the Union at night". If such an environment was produced in a body voluntarily funded then the funds would simply dry up, unless effective measures were taken to rectify the problem. That's the reason why every other "club and social centre" in Canberra offers attractive services, precisely because they don't have a GSF to rely on whatever the hopeless situation they create for their members. Make sure you remember the pressing need for Voluntary Student Unionism, to make the Union fully accountable to every student, when you vote in the current elections for University Council and later in the year for the SRC and SA.

Kendall Odgers.

Kendall,
I think there should be more punks (and drugs) in the Union Building.

It is a great shame that the grottiest bar in town is trying to become 'respectable'.

Why not go to Juliana's for a nice nite out?

Keep the bar nice and sleazy — just the way the kids like it,

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NICARAGUA

TRADE UNION FREEDOM and
THE "DECREASE" OF PLURALISM.

Andrew Hopkins concludes his Nicaraguan series with a look at the freedom of Trade Unions and human rights, and addresses the question of whether political and economic pluralism has suffered under the Sandinistas.

Trade Union Freedom

There are over a thousand so-called trade unions in Nicaragua. Seventy percent of these are simply associations of workers at specific work places; the remainder transcend work places and are organized on an industry or national basis. These unions are organized into a number of broad confederations, the largest being the pro-government Sandinista Workers' Federation (CST). There are two major confederations to the right — the Confederation of Unified Trade Unionists (CUS) and the Nicaraguan Workers Central (CTN), one to the left — the Trade Union Unity and Action Federation (CAUS) and one which is independent but generally pro-government — The General Confederation of Independent Workers (CGTI).

Before looking at specifics, some general observations need to be made. The right to strike in Nicaragua was suspended in 1981 under the Law of Economic Emergency, as response to the increasing *contras* threat. As we saw earlier in this report, *contra* attacks seem to be aimed, in part, at damaging the Nicaraguan economy. Strike action represents an attack on economic activity from within the country and according to the government is intolerable at the present time.

The point is that the country is mobilized economically as well as militarily. For example, some 20,000 volunteers from all over the country have been engaged in the coffee and cotton harvest while considerable military resources have had to be used defending harvest workers and crops against *contra* attacks. These crops are vital for Nicaragua as they earn the foreign exchange needed to buy manufactured products overseas, particularly farm machinery and military hardware. It is regarded as the patriotic duty of young people to help in the harvest and the pro-government papers are full of material encouraging young people to volunteer for the task.

It should also be recalled that during the final stages of the insurrection in 1979, the Somoza airforce destroyed many of the factories in Managua. Production from the remaining few is thus vital and Nicaraguan authorities claim that they cannot at present afford to have this production disrupted by strike action.

Trade unionists (but not CUS or CTN) generally accept the government's prohibition on strikes. Here are the words of Carlos Salgado, General Secretary of the independent union, CGTI.

"We workers are the first to realize that striking under a revolutionary process is not the best weapon for solving the

problems that emerge in worker/boss relations, but rather there are other means, resources, and instances through which we have been solving and resolving these problems."

Strikes are one kind of internal economic attack. Another, greatly feared, is sabotage by workers with *contra* sympathies. For example, the country's second largest sugar mill, Xavier Guerra, was out of action for a time as a result of stones thrown into the machinery by certain workers. To guard against such possibilities, workers at many factories have organized themselves to do "revolutionary vigilance" at their workplaces every night.

Foreign Affairs information documents concentrate on the alleged harassment of CUS. For this reason I have chosen to investigate the CUS experience in as much detail as possible.

According to Alvin Gutrie, Secretary-General of the CUS, whom I interviewed, CUS is a member of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. Some of its leaders, including Mr Gutrie himself were trained at the AFL-CIO training school at Fort Royal, Virginia, which is funded in part by the CIA. This was the basis, Mr Gutrie told me, of the frequent allegations made against CUS that it is a CIA front operating in Nicaragua.

My main purpose in talking to Mr Gutrie was to obtain from him a list of instances in which harassment was alleged so that these could then be investigated. What follows is an account of some of these allegations together with whatever further details I was able to gather from other sources.

1. Accusation. In 1980, the Sandinistas took away from CUS its office in the town of Esteli. The office has never been returned.

Further detail. According to the Director-General of the Department of Labour, Dr Rene Cruz Quintania, whom I interviewed, this incident arose out of an inter-union struggle. CUS had organized a confederation of unions in Esteli and this confederation had bought an

office using a loan from CUS. One by one, however, the unions making up the confederation chose to disaffiliate with it and form instead an Esteli branch of the Sandinista Workers Federation (CST). They then claimed the office as their property and their claim was accepted by the government.

2. Accusation. In 1980, Xavier Altamien, a CUS organizer, was goaled for 33 days on suspicion of being a former national guardsmen. He was later released, the authorities admitting that they had made a mistake. He is now working as a CUS official in Chinandega.

Further detail: According to the Human Rights Commission, this is a clear abuse. But they point out that the charge that someone is a former member of the Somoza National Guard is a very serious one in the Nicaraguan context and is always seriously investigated. The Guard was responsible for innumerable brutal and criminal acts in the Somoza years.

3. Accusation. A demonstration which occurred outside the CUS office in Managua, during the course of which anti-CUS slogans were spray-painted on the walls, was organized by the government to intimidate CUS.

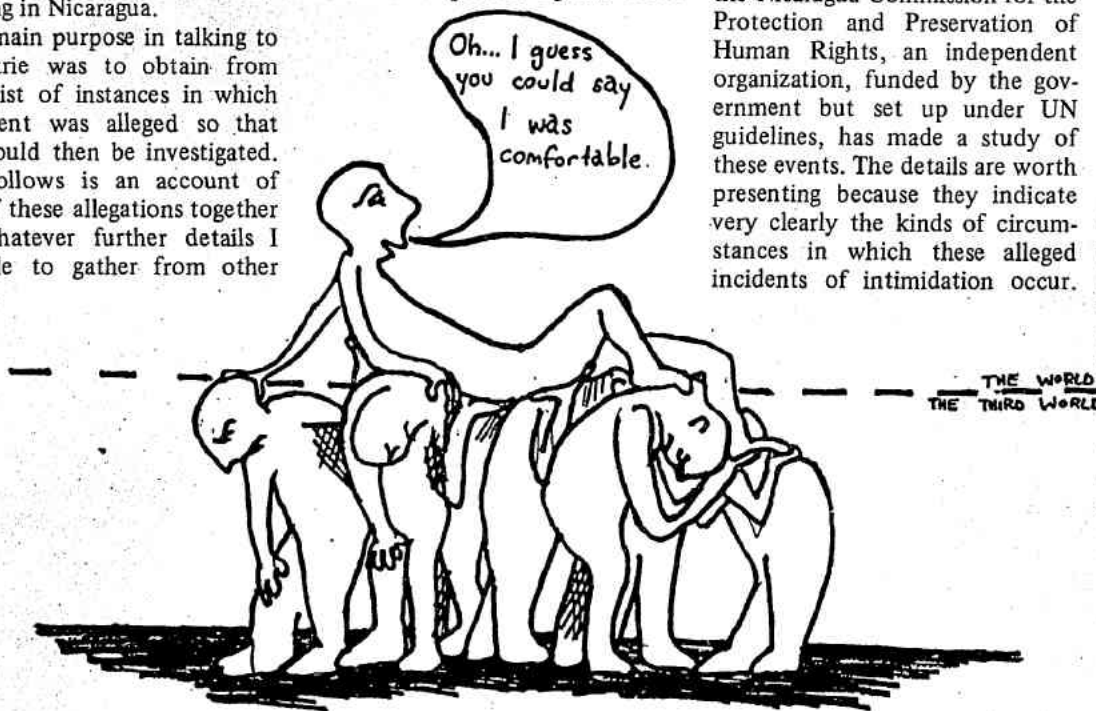
Further detail: In the course of discussion of this episode it emerged that the demonstration had not been directed primarily at CUS at all. Rather demonstrators had gone to a nearby radio station to protest against some

the work of individuals or groups and not the government.

The accusation that such demonstrations are organized or sponsored by the government is one which is frequently made by opposition groups and needs a little more attention. I asked one opposition spokesman what specific evidence there is of this. He quoted two kinds of evidence, first that these demonstrations are usually "authorized" by the authorities and secondly that there are often police to be seen in the background at demonstrations. Obviously, however, neither of these constitute evidence that such demonstrations are in any sense "organized" by the authorities.

It must also be understood that the FSLN, the Sandinistas, are organized as a party from the grass roots upwards. Every block, at least in working class areas, has its Sandinista Defence Committee and it is often from this grass roots level that the demonstrations spring. In this sense it is true that demonstrations are organized by the Sandinistas, but only in this sense. Only relatively are demonstrations organized or prompted by party leaders and these tend to be large scale rallies called to protest US policy (such as following the invasion of Grenada) or to celebrate national events.

4. Accusation. Events at the Port of Corinto in May 1983 in relation to the waterside workers union have been cited by Mr Gutrie as evidence of the harassment to which CUS is subject. Fortunately the Nicaragua Commission for the Protection and Preservation of Human Rights, an independent organization, funded by the government but set up under UN guidelines, has made a study of these events. The details are worth presenting because they indicate very clearly the kinds of circumstances in which these alleged incidents of intimidation occur.



program, and afterwards had decided to protest outside the CUS office as well. Mr Gutrie has also had the wall outside his home spray-painted with slogans. He refused to remove any of these slogans as they constitute evidence for him of Sandinista harassment. I was urged to photograph them. The fact is however that Nicaragua is a country of slogans. They are painted everywhere in Managua and are clearly

The Commission first interviewed Mr Gutrie, who made the following statement. He had received a letter from the leadership of the stevedores union in Corinto saying that it wished to disaffiliate with the Sandinista Federation and join CUS. CUS approached the Ministry of Labor which organized a meeting of the stevedores for 21 May 1983 to determine their views. CUS officials had not been allowed to

attend the meeting and had had to wait outside where they had been attacked by groups of workers. Moreover, a number of CUS supporters in the union were denied their passes to work on the waterfront in an act of union intimidation.

Other claims initially made to the Commission were that the efforts of the stevedores to disaffiliate with the Sandinista Federation and join CUS had been thwarted by the government, that the leadership of the stevedoring union had been thrown in gaol in an act of union repression and that three union members were in hiding, fearing mistreatment at the hands of the authorities.

The story which the Commission was able to piece together after interviews with several people was as follows. The leadership had requested the transfer of the stevedoring union, without consulting the membership as required by law. Members of the union, fearing foul play, asked for a government auditing of the union's books. It was discovered that the sum of 43,000 cordobas was missing. It had apparently been taken by two members of the union's leadership who had left the country and joined the *contras*. A first meeting of the union to determine its attitude of the membership was cancelled because the audit investigations were not completed. A second meeting held some days later voted to stay with the Sandinista federation after 60 CUS supporters had walked out seeing that they were outnumbered. Six members of the union leadership were detained temporarily while the embezzlement was investigated; they were later released. The three people claimed to be in hiding for fear of persecution were found not to be in hiding. The denial of access to the wharf for certain CUS supporters had nothing to do with the Department of Labor but had been ordered by the Department of Migration on higher orders to guard against the possibility of sabotage.

This last point may need a few words of explanation. Corinto is Nicaragua's major port. It is, in particular, the port through which the country's vital coffee and cotton crops are exported. It was only a few months later that the port was attacked by *contras* blowing up a number of oil tanks and forcing the evacuation of the town. The possibility of sabotage is thus very real. Given the demonstrated connection between the *contras* and the leadership of the stevedoring union the action of the Department of Migration in depriving certain people of their right to work on the wharf becomes perfectly intelligible.

Clearly, then, the Corinto events cannot be legitimately interpreted as an act of repression against a right wing union. They arise, generally, out of an ongoing inter-union struggle and, specifically in this case, out of illegal behaviour of the stevedoring leadership both in the way it sought to disaffiliate with the Sandinista Workers Federation, and in relation to its embezzlement of union funds,

Human Rights Generally

Various human rights organizations have visited the country and reported that violations of human rights are occurring in Nicaragua. Such violations occur in

all countries and Nicaragua is no exception, as its government readily admits. A number of observations need to be made about these reports.

First, detention for up to eight days for the purpose of investigation is allowed under the country's emergency law. Human rights organizations do not accept the legitimacy of these detentions and they are counted as violations.

Second, these reports are written in a vacuum in that they take no account of the fact that the country is at war. They judge Nicaragua by standards which even in peace time are fully complied with by few if any countries in the world.

Third, reports often give no account of why people were detained thus creating the impression that detentions were arbitrary or designed to intimidate opposition groups. Thus the September 1983 statement by Amnesty International, USA, cites the detention of the leadership of the Corinto waterside workers but fails to mention that this was in connection with the suspected embezzlement of union funds.

It should also be pointed out that the Nicaraguan government is genuinely concerned to minimize human rights violations. It has invited human rights organizations to the country and has always investigated and acted upon allegations made in their reports. Furthermore, Amnesty refers very favourably to the role of the higher courts in Nicaragua in reducing what they regard as excessive penalties occasionally imposed by lower courts for armed counter-revolutionary activity.

Finally, and this point cannot be stressed enough, there are no substantiated allegations against the government of murder, torture or disappearances. Violations of human rights of this magnitude are unheard of in Nicaragua today. This contrasts dramatically with Nicaragua under Somoza in which torture and assassination were instruments of policy. It contrasts dramatically also with the situation today in Guatemala and El Salvador where many thousands of civilians were killed and tortured annually. And it contrasts dramatically with the widespread and systematic violations of human rights perpetrated by the contras in Nicaragua against defenceless peasants (rape, torture, kidnapping and murder).

The "Decrease" of Pluralism

Foreign Affairs information documents speak of "a decrease of economic and political pluralism" in Nicaragua.

With respect to the issue of political pluralism it should be pointed out that at the time of the triumph of the revolution the FSLN promised elections and that these elections are scheduled for November 1984. A wide range of parties will be allowed to contest the elections including parties strongly opposed to the Sandinistas. The only exclusion is parties wishing to return to the Somoza. Details of the electoral procedure have not been announced at the time of writing and the procedures are the subject of lively debate in Nicaragua. It has been announced, however, that all parties will be given access to all the media and that their campaigns will be funded by the state. They will also be able to use private funds. It is already clear that the upcoming elections will be the fairest ever held in Nicaragua.

It is hard to see what basis there could be to claim that political pluralism has been eroded.

NICARAGUA (again)

THE REVOLUTION

THAT FAILED

Certainly the FSLN enjoys the advantage of incumbency. It has institutionalized itself in various ways, and is able to point to its achievements over the past five years. On the other hand it is widely recognized that the party is unlikely to win with the overwhelming majority it would have achieved had the elections been held immediately after the triumph of the revolution. In this sense the passage of time has generated an increase rather than a decrease in pluralism.

It is equally difficult to understand the charge that economic pluralism has been eroded. Most of the country's industry and most of its agricultural land is in private hands. Texaco, Esso, Nabisco and other American multinational companies operate in Nicaragua. The land taken from Somoza and his associates after the revolution and run as state farms is in fact being handed over slowly to peasant cooperatives and even to individual peasants. Some private enterprises have been confiscated since the revolution, their owners having been caught de-capitalizing, but there is certainly no policy of further nationalization. The "erosion of economic pluralism" in Nicaragua is a myth.

Andrew Hopkins

How many people read Andrew Hopkins' reports on Nicaragua in recent issues of 'Woroni'?

This article is intended to be a counter-balance to those reports. Once, I myself enthusiastically believed in the Sandinista revolution; since then, the facts have forced me to change my mind. In this article, I present the case against the Sandinistas.

I wish to make one point clear from the outset. I do not contest Hopkin's well-supported evidence of the atrocities — rape, pillage, and murder — practised by CIA-backed contras. I totally condemn President Reagan's efforts to overthrow the government of Nicaragua. My contention is that the Sandinistas have stooped as low as the contras in their dealings with innocent civilians. The current regime in Nicaragua is no better and no worse than the Somoza regime, as far as human rights are concerned.

The Sandinist government of Nicaragua merits condemnation on five counts: first, it has oppressed an ethnic minority, the Miskito Indians; second, it has violated basic human rights; third, it has antagonised the Catholic Church; fourth, it has betrayed the youth of Nicaragua; and finally, the government's policies have severely damaged the economy, hurting people at all levels of Nicaraguan society.

1. The Miskitos — a case of forced migration to government-controlled camps.

The Miskitos are a tribe of Indians who used to live by hunting, fishing and subsistence farming.

Unfortunately for them, they happened to be living in an area infiltrated by anti-government rebels — near the border with Honduras. So, the Nicaraguan army simply uprooted the Miskitos, forcing them to travel long distances to government-controlled camps. A correspondent for "The Economist" (16.10.82) interviewed the Indians at one camp. Some of them said they were given less than 24 hours' notice to leave their homes and walk to camps 150 miles away. The Indians claimed that the army destroyed their homes, livestock and fishing boats, to prevent their being used by anti-Sandinist rebels. At the camps, the Indians have no privacy whatsoever — a government official made the damaging admission that mail was examined before it reached the Indians. According to another issue of "The Economist" (3.4.82), a pro-

Sandinist priest who visited the border region reportedly claimed that some 11,500 Miskitos were forced to walk for four days to sodden tent villages. The regional office of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees put the figure even higher — at well over 20,000.

"Newsweek" (22.2.83) reported that when prominent clergymen accused the army of burning Miskito farms and villages, the government denied these charges. However, it also prohibited travel to the region — even by the Red Cross.

Does this remind you of East Timor?

What does Hopkins make of all this? He refers to an "over-enthusiastic campaign" by the government to integrate the Miskitos into the life of the country. "Over-enthusiastic" — what a euphemism! I am reminded of a weekly news commentary by Bob Santamaria. Santamaria was generally impressed by Lee Kuan Yew's government in Singapore

— especially its economic success and its anti-communism. In passing, Santamaria said: "There are certain rather unsavoury aspects of Lee Kuan Yew's regime." Funny, isn't it, how spokespersons for the Left and Right became masters of understatement when it suits them.

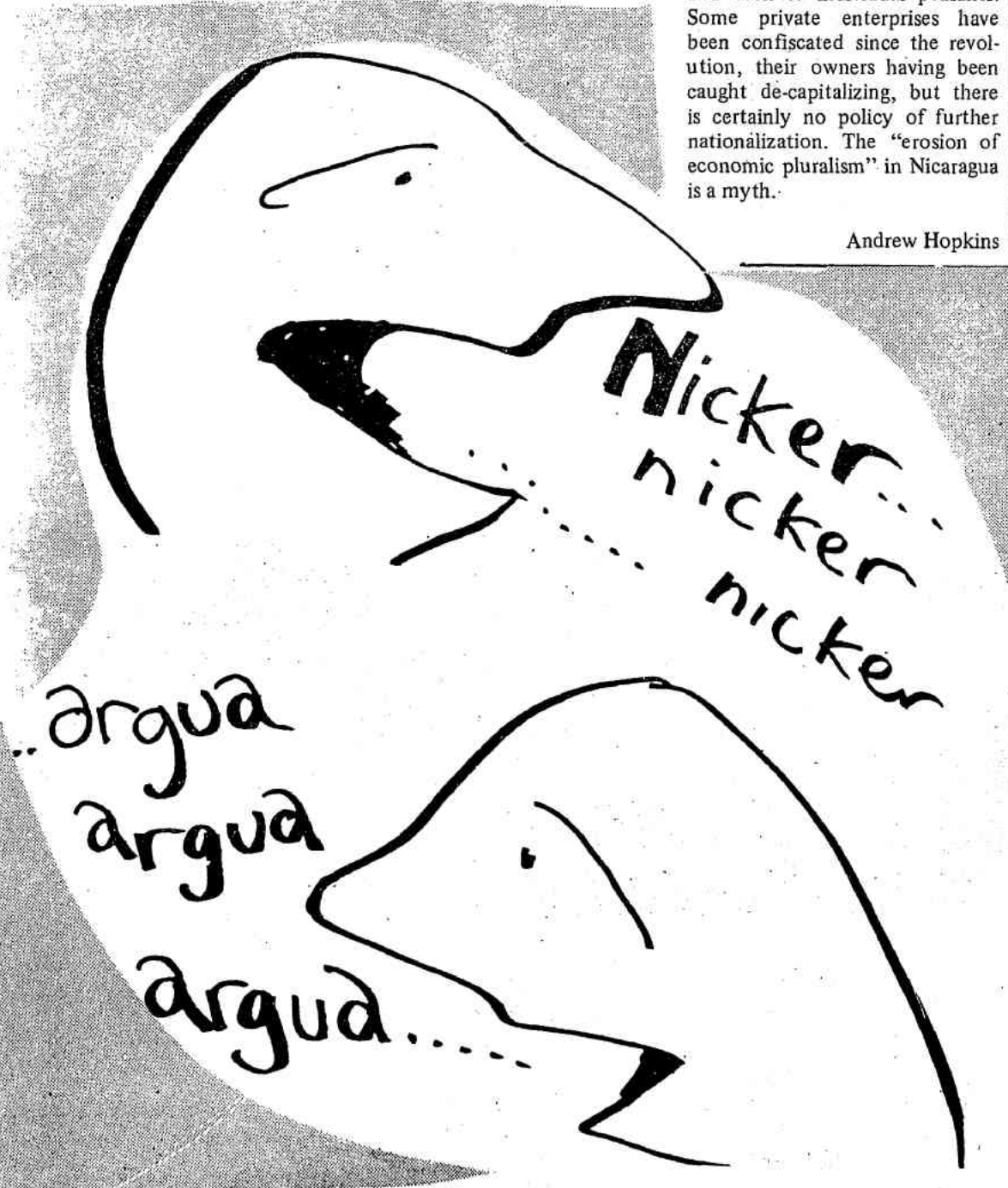
Hopkins asserts (without evidence) that many Miskito Indians who fled the army and crossed the border into Honduras now want to return. In the light of the reports cited above, that assertion looks flimsy indeed.

So far I have only scratched the surface in describing the Sandinistas' oppression of the Indians. As I will, outline below, Indian women have been raped by the Nicaraguan army and innocent Indians have been massacred — even a pregnant woman.

2. Violation of basic human rights

"The Economist" (3.4.82) carried a detailed report of the human rights situation in Nicaragua. Freedom of expression is severely limited. For instance:

- there is no non-Sandinist news coverage on TV;
- only two radio stations have dared to broadcast non-official versions of the news;
- two of the seven independent radio stations have been attacked by Sandinist mobs;
- the same mobs have beaten up some of the staff of the non-government newspaper, "La Prensa", which had been closed



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five times by the government in six months;

— when the Polish government imposed military rule on Poland in December 1981, the Sandinist government in Nicaragua instructed the press to carry wire despatches on the crisis only from Tass and Cuba's news agency.

The Permanent Commission on Human Rights, a group which was originally founded to protest against Somoza's atrocities, has provided damning evidence against the regime in Nicaragua today. The Commission's head, Mr Jose Esteban, was arrested by the Sandinistas in May 1981 and later released. He fled abroad after receiving threats. The Commission's findings, as reported in "The Economist" are not exactly encouraging. In 1980, there were 7,000 political prisoners in Nicaragua; by early 1982 the number had been reduced somewhat, to 4,500. Most of these were members of Somoza's National Guard who had not yet been convicted, but there were also hundreds of prisoners who had formerly opposed Somoza and who were now in jail for opposing the Sandinistas. Torture was not uncommon after the defeat of Somoza in 1979. Since then, according to the Commission, the incidence of torture has declined. Surely what matters, however, is that it occurs at all. Worst of all: mass graves of anti-Sandinistas were found soon after the civil war of 1979. No mass graves have been found recently; however there were 21 "disappearances" in 1981.

Further confirmation of this gloomy picture comes from the "World Human Rights Guide" (1983) by Charles Humana. The author acknowledges the assistance of various organizations, including Amnesty International and the Institute of Latin American Studies. In the section on Nicaragua, it is stated that: "Numerous supporters of the Somoza regime remain in detention and have suffered retribu-

utive torture, and there are many arrests on the grounds of 'counter-revolutionary' activities. Much of the previous regime's security practices of mail and telephone checking, searches without warrants and causing opponents to 'disappear' have continued."

All this — censorship, political prisoners, torture and 'disappearances' — is bad enough. Even more terrifying is an account by Roberto Guillen, who served as deputy chief of military counter-intelligence for the Nicaraguan Defence Ministry and later fled Nicaragua to join Eden Pastora and his forces, based in Costa Rica. Guillen's account was printed in "Time" (24.1.83).

Guillen claims that he was trained to work against foreign terrorists and spies, as well as political non-conformists within the Defence Ministry. Persons who disagreed politically with the National Directorate had false charges of theft or even murder brought against them.

Secret jails have been created by the various security organizations. Guillen described one such jail, located behind a mechanics shop owned by counter-intelligence "Behind the store are two cells against a wall. Each cell is less than a metre wide and a metre deep and two metres high. The prisoners inside were always handcuffed, gagged and blindfolded." Guillen also mentioned several underground jails at Monelimar military base. These are dug into the rocks, at sea level. At high tide, water enters the cells up to the chest level of the prisoners inside.

Torture takes two forms. The first is violent torture and includes (here I quote Guillen) "beatings, electric shocks, blows to the testicles, and so forth." The second kind of torture is a more subtle (and more effective) process known as "depersonalisation". For instance, people are shut up in rooms with no light, or with light 24 hours a day. They

are given food every two hours and are told that it is mealtime. Patients are subjected to constant on-and-off interrogation. After two days, they lose all sense of time. Their minds collapse under the constant pressure.

Guillen went to Cuba to study counter-intelligence. In April 1982 he returned to Nicaragua and was assigned to an acre inhabited by Miskito Indians. By reading Defence Ministry reports, he discovered atrocities committed against the Miskitos. To quote Guillen once again: "Here is one entry which I copied in my notebook: 'On Feb., 8, 1982, at 8.45am, a troop of border guards fired at civilian persons on the Rio Coco at the point of the community of Bilwaskarma'. The report explained that the people were travelling in canoes at the moment the troops fired upon them. One man survived. Reading this, I could not understand why the chief of counter-intelligence for the area had not brought this to trial. I couldn't understand also why the soldiers would kill a pregnant woman in the canoe." The Sandinista National Directorate passed off the shooting as an attack on counter-revolutionaries from Honduras — which was a lie.

Later, says Guillen, "There were large scale arrests of Miskitos. About 800 people were detained. A second lieutenant saw an Indian woman among the prisoners and raped her. When this was investigated, the chief of staff pardoned him and transferred him to another unit in Kambla. It was interpreted as a promotion."

Finally, Guillen was approached by state security people and he was asked to arrange the killing of the 800 Miskito prisoners. He was told to make it look as if they had died in combat. For Guillen, this was the last straw. On August 10, 1982, he left Nicaragua. To this day, he does not know whether the massacre actually took place or not.

The facts speak for themselves. Before I conclude this section, let me discuss the election to be

held in Nicaragua. "Newsweek" (5.3.84) concedes that if a completely fair election were held, the Sandinistas would probably win anyway; nevertheless the government is determined to prevent the opposition from gaining strong electoral support. By giving soldiers the vote and by lowering the voting age from 18 to 16, the Sandinistas have given themselves hundreds of thousands of bonus votes. Meanwhile, the ban on opposition political rallies remains in force. Hopkins pointed out that opposition parties will be given access to the media in election campaigning; however, "it might be on television at 3 in the morning" as one opposition leader told "Newsweek".

Hopkins has admitted that propaganda by all parties will be vetted to ensure that there are no false election claims. Evidently Hopkins thinks this is a good thing. My one comment is: who is doing the vetting?

3. The Catholic Church and the Sandinistas

The Sandinistas' policies have created tensions between the Church and the government and within the Church itself — the Church to which 90 percent of Nicaraguans belong. The Catholic Church is polarised between a progressive, pro-government faction (including the priests on the ruling National Directorate and a minority of priests from the poorer barrios) and a more conservative faction (including the bishops and most priests). Matters came to a head in March 1983 when Pope John Paul II visited Nicaragua and was heckled while giving his sermon. "The Economist" (5.3.83) reported that the Sandinistas prohibited Nicaragua's Catholic radio stations from carrying any reports of the Pope's visit for the official version.

In Nicaragua itself, Archbishop Bravo has emerged as a leading critic of the Sandinistas. (Bravo also criticized Somoza — something which Hopkins failed to point out.) In one episode, according to "The Economist", the Archbishop's adviser (who was also a priest) was taken by Sandinist soldiers and paraded naked in front of a jeering mob in retaliation for Bravo's criticism of the government.

Finally, an incident reported in "Time" (14.5.84) illustrates both the degree of popular support for the bishops and the Sandinistas growing unease with the hierarchy. Recently, when Bishop Pablo Antonio Vega, the new head of Nicaragua's Catholic Episcopal Conference, spoke at a May Day Mass in Don Bosco Church, Managua, some 4,000 people flocked to hear him. "The tragedy of the Nicaraguan people is that we are living with a totalitarian ideology that no-one wants in this country," said Vega. Meanwhile, nearly a dozen military Jeeps circled the church.

However, it was the draft issue, more than anything else, which set the Church against the government. I shall discuss this below.

4. The Betrayal of Youth — The Draft

The combined army and militia of Nicaragua consists of over 100,000 people. This compares with 11,000 men in the National Guard of the late dictator Somoza. The contras who are fighting the Sandinistas number 12,000 to 14,000. Nicaragua's

army is by far the biggest of any country in the region. However, this armed superiority is not enough for the Sandinistas. Up to 40,000 young people have been drafted, according to "Time" (14.5.84). Their mothers had been told that the youths would be kept near major cities. In fact many of these young people are trained in special counter-insurgency units and sent off to remote border areas. Maternal protest marches against the draft have been held in several towns.

Nicaragua's young people aren't exactly overjoyed about the draft. Thomas Borge admitted to "Newsweek" (14.11.83) that only 60 percent of eligible young men had signed up for the draft. In October 1983, members of Christian Youth held a rally against the draft. Some wore badges reading "I am a conscientious objector."

The Church was also strongly critical of the draft. Managua's auxiliary bishop, Bosco Viva's Robelo, accused the Sandinistas of using the draft issue as an excuse to expel the established church. And the Bishop of Granada issued an episcopal letter challenging the draft law.

The Sandinistas retaliated swiftly and violently. In predawn raids, Sandinista police arrested 18 members of Catholic youth groups said to be against the draft. Weekend masses were disrupted in at least 20 parishes. One priest was thrown out of his house. Bishop Robelo was pushed about and bruised by a gang which prevented him from entering a parish church.

The Catholic Church responded with an act of non-violent defiance: on All Souls' Day (an important holy day), churches in three provinces locked their doors and cancelled all masses.

Since then, the bishops have maintained their courageous protest on behalf of Nicaragua's youth. In their Easter Sunday pastoral letter this year, the bishops blamed the government for the deaths of young people on the battlefield, and called for dialogue between the government and the contras. "If this does not happen," they wrote, "there will be no chance for an agreement, and our people, especially the poorest among them, will continue suffering and dying."

The Sandinistas have fought the contras without achieving anything more than a stalemate. Peace is surely better achieved through non-violent means. The contras should be attacked at their Achilles' heel. They depend on CIA support. To "justify" that support, President Reagan had to convince Americans that the Sandinistas were a threat to the region. If the Sandinistas pull the rug under his feet by reducing the size of their army, expelling all Cuban military advisers and restoring human rights, then Reagan will have no pretext for aiding the contras. Only recently, Congress blocked a bill that would have given the contras \$21 million of military aid. Which option makes more sense: a return to moderation and negotiation on the Sandinistas' part, or a long, drawn-out war with no prospect of victory in which innocent people are sacrificed as cannon fodder?

5. The Economy

Hopkins' claims notwithstanding, the Nicaraguan economy is doing badly. "Time" (14.5.84)



Mario Ruiz—J. Miller

Alberto Flores Murillo is now a part-owner of the sprawling farm where he once worked as a domestic servant. He still lapses into some of his old habits: he asks permission to speak, keeps his eyes to the ground and apologizes for imagined faults. Although Alberto is proud of his work and grateful to the revolution for giving him

"more than I have ever had," he sees some "rocks in the path." A devout Catholic, Alberto is troubled by the Sandinistas' conflict with the church. "If I ever break with the revolution, it will be because someone made me choose between the revolution and the church," he says quietly. "I could never choose against God."

THE GREAT ONION DEBATE RAGES ON...

Well, Kendall has put his foot firmly in his mouth this time hasn't he? I really wish he'd get his facts right if he's going to rant and rave about how awful and badly run the Union is. He should at least know something of what he's going on about!

I thought a timely reply to his propaganda would be in order, considering that elections for the ten student/member positions on the Board of Management are being held between August 21 and 24. By the way, I notice Kendall didn't bother replying to my article in the last "Woroni" but chose to attack the Chair (Marcus) instead. I suppose hard facts are difficult to refute eh Kendall?

Here are some more facts for you all to ponder. -

Allegation Number 1: "pathetic trading performance of the Union this year" - Bullshit! Historically trading in the Union, especially in the bar fluctuates with different times of the year and is never the same two years running. 1983 was an exceptional trading year for the Union and by comparison both 1984 and 1982 don't appear so good. Another thing to remember (which you may not have noticed Kendall) is that most students don't

have much money, what with the low levels of TEAS (if you're lucky enough to get it) and part-time jobs very difficult to find and keep. I would not be responsible (or on a Board responsible) for asking students to spend more of their meagre incomes on alcohol if they can't afford to pay their rent or buy food or go to the movies occasionally.

Also the Student Services Coalition members of the present Board and the Bar and Activities Committee have been working on ways to improve the bar (and the whole place) to provide better services for our members, so that people are attracted to the Union building. The answer is not to get rid of the bar if people aren't using it, but to make sure it is somewhere members want to go. The Student Services Coalition is going to survey student opinion, find out what people want and budget for renovations at the end of the year.

Allegation Number 2: That 'drastic revisions have had to be made to the original Union budget'. The Union's budget is revised every year around May or June. We did not have to "drastically revise" it - the Union Board (which consists of such people as the Treasurer's nominee and the Vice-Chancellor's nominee as well as students and staff representatives)

decided that all the original budgetary expectations would be met this year. Would Kendall rather we didn't pay the Union's employees the 4.1% wage increase granted to all workers in Australia?

Kendall also goes on about the Chair's pay increase. Doesn't he realise that that happened last year when Matthew Storey was Chair. The Chair's salary has not been reviewed or altered at all during this Board's term. Why don't you get your facts straight eh Kendall. (Dear Boy)?

Allegation number 3: That the Union Bar is full of "punks who aren't tolerated in most other pubs most of whom are not members of the Union..." What is your gripe against punks, Kendall? They have the right to drink in any bar - intolerance of different people is not something we encourage at all. Besides, many of the people you term "punks" would probably laugh at your naivety. Also many so called punks are Associate Members of the Union - who do you think keeps the Union going over summer if it isn't the "punks" anyway?

Allegation number 4: That the Union 'compulsorily levies the General Services Fee'. The GSF, as any mildly

informed student would know, is levied by the University and distributed between the Students' Association, the Sports Union and the Union. Our services are also very good, not 'piss poor' as Kendall seems to think. What other institution is open from 8.30am every working day of the year, has extensive and diverse food and liquor services available, caters for a wide range of needs - our membership does not just come from the undergraduate student body, but from university and general staff, post-graduate students and many other groups. Does Kendall think the Union should just cater for one particular group - which is what many specialist clubs - e.g. the Canberra Workers Club, and the various leagues and Labor clubs do? Many of those clubs which Kendall seems to believe run on purely voluntary membership fees in fact receive their subsidies in a different way - from poker machines and betting. Would Kendall like to see the Union surviving on gambling revenue also?

Kendall's most serious allegation is that the Board refused to censure one of its own members for breaking Union rules. This mindless accusation ignores the fact that that member was dealt with by the Union's Discipline Committee - the body set up to deal

with any Union member who fails to comply with the Union's rules. The Discipline Committee treats every member equally and does not make distinctions between members.

As I was in fact the member who was fined by the Discipline Committee I feel fully justified in only paying once for my mistake, not three (or several times) as the people Glenn Phillips and Chris Long who moved the motion of censure seemed to think. 17 Board members realised this also and refused to support such a discriminatory motion.

The Student Services Coalition, including myself seek out student opinion every year when we stand for election to the Union Board. We do not dispute Kendall's right to speak out against the Board, but it is interesting to note that although he has been the major critic of the Union this year no nomination was received from him. His policies and ideas will not be tested at a general election - ours will when voting takes place for the Board elections from Tuesday to Friday this week. Vote and let your voice be heard too.

Karen James
Member, Union Board
of Management

ANU Union Activities

Thursday, 13th - 15th September

All students and Union members (with cards) are invited to go'n see Even Orchestra - a talented & original theatre group from Sydney. They will perform at the Art Council Gallery at night, from 8.30 p.m. The Even Orchestra perform & combinations of mute animated films, silhouette performance and back projections set to orchestral accompaniment. A night that will not be easily forgotten.

Friday, 21st September

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NICARAGARAGUA (STILL)

reported that of some 500 Nicaraguan manufacturing firms functioning in 1979, only 80 or so are currently in production. And the Governemtn has introduced rationing of meat for families. Hopkins would have it that where economic hardship does exist, it is to be blamed on the US blockade or on rising local consumer demand. "Time" rejects this simplistic analysis; the real fault lies with the Sandinistas for imposing price controls and expropriating property, thus destroying incentives for investment. An earlier issue of "Time" (17.19.83) quoted a prosperous Nicaraguan cotton farmer: "That is why there are so few of us left who are staying and reinvesting. They (the Sandinistas) can take your land if they decide it is underutilized. If you show them it is really producing far above average yields, they can also confiscate it as a model for national priority." No wonder Nicaragua's cotton production has fallen 50 percent below pre-revolution levels.

Finally, here is the poignant story of Juan Francisco Lopez Garcia, as reported in "Newsweek" (23.5.83). The son of a poor family, Juan fought at the age of 15 alongside the

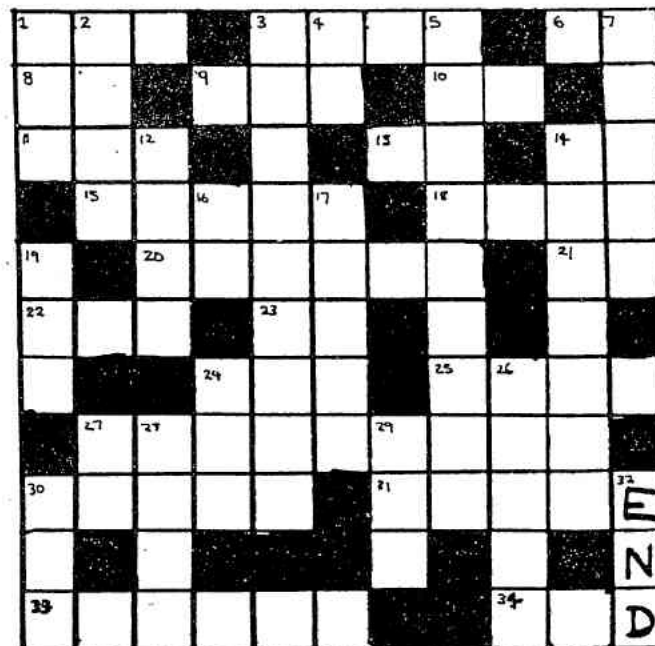
Sandinistas in the war of liberation. For a while, things went well for Juan. Then, in 1983, he lost his job as a bus inspector. Like half of the workforce, he was unemployed. He and his wife, Josefa, and their newborn baby daughter were eking out a living on Josefa's salary as a policewoman. Juan told a visitor: "I understand that the revolution has to spend money on fighting the imperialists. But the revolution promised progress - and all I have for three years' work is a wood chack, no money for rice and a hungry baby."

These are the facts; judge for yourselves whether or not I have proved my case. Ask yourselves: is the drafting of Nicaraguan youth to fight the "holy war" (as the "armchair Left" would have it) against the contras any more justifiable than the drafting of Australian youth to fight in Vietnam? Are the Sandinistas any better than the governments of South Africa, the Philippines or El Salvador when they resort to the same methods - murder, rape, torture and censorship?

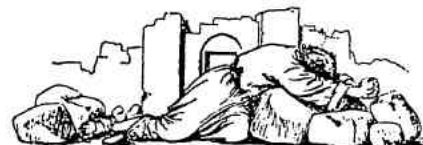
Vincent Torley



WORONI CRYPTIC



CROSSWORD



clues: by HEATHER BRIMSON

ACROSS

1. This party is not known for its humour
3. Not a good profession for John Taylor
6. Where the AGL try to head
8. This preposition is negatively backward
9. Bosom buddies of the ground, this group are initially enemies!
10. This guy gets all the Woroni letters
11. It is able to hold beer and often adorns the office floor
13. Alternative language for the ideologically sound.
14. This state Woroni can't do without
15. A fair description of the AGL's attempts to do sports lessons in the air while working in the Woroni Office
18. I am Extra-Terrestrial, let's get together
20. Popular People's Press
21. & 22. Chris Stamford came out here in 1983
23. Another alternative to 13 across
24. I am after Los Angeles with Hawaiian flowers
25. This country must have been hard to stomach!
27. This member of the team retired after falling down a cemented water hole
30. In the Woroni elections this place was absolutely a-polling?!!

For those of you who have never done a cryptic crossword, the clues are designed to trick you or be absolutely obscure. So it's no good looking for straight forward answers. The answers have been printed on page 18 of this issue so you can cheat. To give you a head start, no.32 has already been done.

31. Fish eggs in Los Angeles may have nothing to do with Woroni but mixed up, they have an interesting part to play.
33. Woroni Ed claimed Alex's mind was this, at recent SA meeting
34. One special Editor who receives little thanks for his assistance.

DOWN

1. Backward cod lacks patience
2. Pots turned round might break
3. The real immigrant in Burton and Garran
4. ** CENSORED (sexist term)
5. Hard handed editor
7. This editor is just a rodent surrounded with pity
12. One thing rarely found in Woroni
14. Pass the glue, Sal, for this bird
16. Therefore Esso must be shortened
17. Alas, poor bastard
19. Law students aim to score here
24. What parts of the campus aren't, to the detriment of would-be night reclaimers
26. Not a short (1,4)
27. What Miss Peep is to her sheep
28. Bouncer's talk
29. A lot of it in Woroni
30. Where Wesley's Blatantly Sexist article should be
32. Where you usually are at the bottom right hand corner.

FREE YOUTH SEMINAR

The first meeting of the Young Australian Democrats - ACT Division will be held on Saturday 15 September at the Canberra Labor Club, Chandler Street, Belconnen (close to the Belconnen Bus Interchange) from 9.00am to 6.00pm. The focus of this meeting will be on the International Year of Youth and how the Australian Democrats in the ACT should participate in this. The theme of the International Year of Youth is "Peace, Participation, and Development". It is felt by the interim executive of the Young Australian Democrats - ACT Division that the Australian Democrats in the ACT and nationally have the potential to make a significant contribution to the implementation of these themes both in Australia and internationally.

Issues which it is likely will be considered at the conference include:

- * uranium, * environmental protection, * animal rights, * drug addiction in the ACT, * community space in the ACT, * the school leaving age, * participatory approaches to school governance, * the voting age (the ACT Division of the Australian Democrats has recently supported the lowering of the voting age in ACT elections to 16 years of age), * youth and the law, * youth rights and responsibilities, * ways of improving young people's access to political power, * increasing the unemployment benefit for the unemployed under 18 years of age, * new technology and

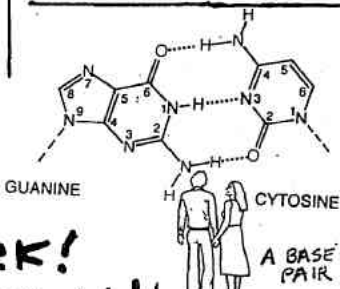
youth, * referendums and youth, * linkages between the House of Assembly and young people (it is hoped that Gordon J. Walsh, MHA (Chairman of Committees) will attend this seminar).

For background reading on some of the educational themes you might like to read "A new educational paradigm" published in the April 1983 issue of *Education News*, p.48 by myself (this publication is available in most libraries).

Young people are particularly encouraged to attend this seminar. Non-members of the Australian Democrats are welcome to attend this seminar which will be free. Persons who wish to run workshops, join the Australian Democrats, join the Young Australian Democrats - ACT Division or attend this workshop should leave a message on my answering machine (587411).

Student Representative Councils are welcome to co-ordinate workshops, or participate in workshops at this seminar on areas of interest to themselves (such as participatory approaches to school governance, or approaches to gaining input from young people in the political process).

Andrew Freeman
Acting President,
Young Australian Democrats
ACT Division



AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS - ACT DIVISION - ACTIVITIES

Items for inclusion should be sent to Andrew Freeman, Assistant Editor, Activities, PO box 649, Belconnen, ACT 2617. Items can also be left on his answering machine: (062) 58 7411 (all times).

Categories: ***Australian Democrats, ** Org. by an Australian Democrat and open to members, * Of general interest.

Branch or division abbreviations: SB - South Branch, SBE - South Branch Executive, NB - North Branch, NBE - North Branch Executive, DE - Division Executive, D - Division Meeting. Key details of these meetings listed in capital letters.

***5.9.84 Wednesday SB 8.00pm
Woden Community Centre, Corrina St., Woden Town Centre. C. Lowe.

*** 12.9.84 Wednesday NB 6.00pm - dinner. NBE. 7.30pm NB 8.00pm - Gordon Walsh MHA will speak on "Election issues in the ACT" 9.00pm - General Business, all of these activities to be held at the Finnish Australian Club, Bowman St. Macquarie. A Freeman.

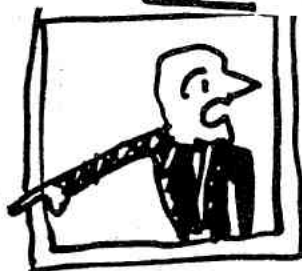
***15.9.84. Saturday, 9.00am - 6.00pm ACT Conference of the Young Australian Democrats (ACT Div) Canberra Labor Club, Chandler St., Belconnen (near Belconnen Bus Interchange) A. Freeman.

***16.9.84 Sunday, 10.00am - 6.00pm Policy Review Seminar, Canberra Workers Club, Childers St. Civic. G. Walsh.

*** 19.9.84, Wednesday, 8.00pm Division Meeting. Canberra Workers Club, Childers St., Civic. G.; Quayle.

*** 26.9.84. Wednesday, DE. 7.30pm. Finnish Australian Club, Bowman St., Macquarie, G. Quayle.

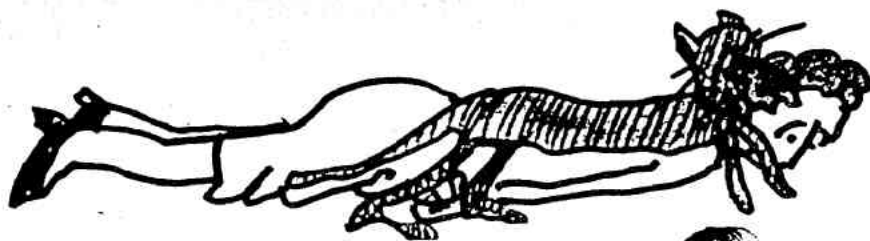
THAT BELL JUST DOESN'T WORK!
VIVALDI HAS GOT MRS. HODGES AGAIN!!



THE RHYTHM METHOD'

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S.D.I.



The 1984 Inaugural Interhall Talent Night, was dreamed up by Burton and Garran Hall as a more artistic alternative to the many Interhall sporting events held each year.

Burton and Garran provided a trophy, and hosted the evening, the idea being that it is to be hosted by a different hall each year. Most people I talked to (including myself) were fairly impressed with the organisation and choice of venue. However as it was more or less on trial this is probably understandable to a certain extent. The first college to appear were at a decided disadvantage as they obviously didn't realise that regardless of whether they threw their voices for 200 metres or screamed their lungs out they were totally inaudible in a crammed hall which was obviously not designed with acoustics in mind. The evening picked up, however, as subsequent acts wisely took to using microphones.

There was heaps of great talent there including quite a few comedians and a few singers who sounded quite musical. The trophy was presented to Burgmann by B&G Warden Bill Krebbs, (although they were far from being the most entertaining bunch), with a jazz band from Bruce Hall taking out the prize for the best act. Well I guess I should just assume that if the judges weren't a hell of a lot more qualified than me they wouldn't have been picked, shouldn't I!

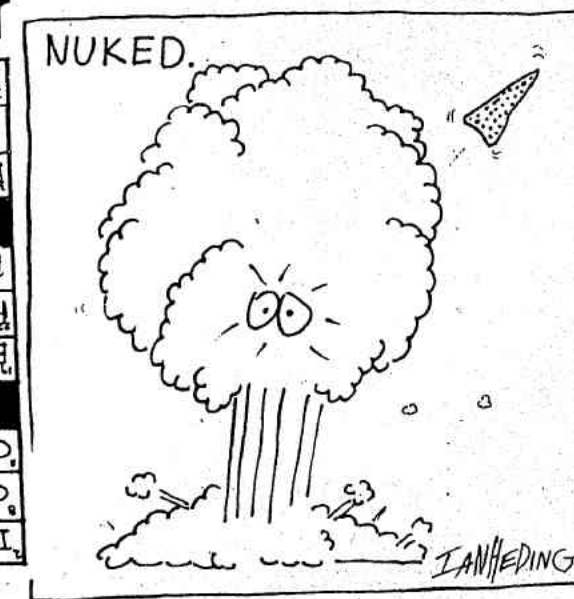
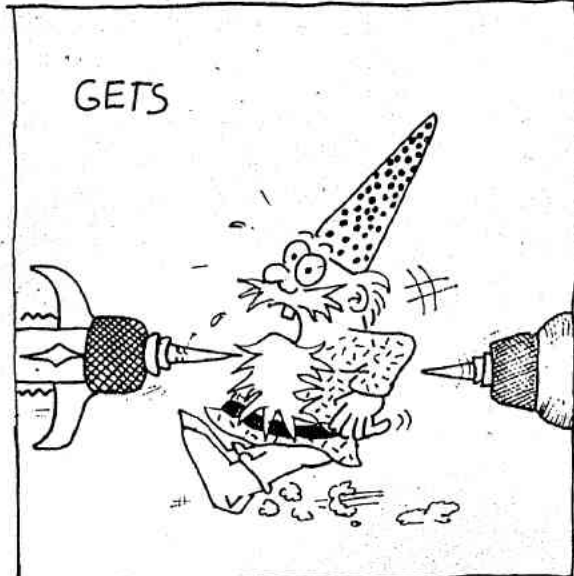
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INTERHALL TALENT NIGHT



X-words answer

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INTERHALL SPORT

Not the Olympics...

There are currently three interhall sports underway; squash, rugby league and volleyball. Burgmann are as yet undefeated after three rounds of rugby, Bruce and Johns have each won two games, Burton & Garran have won one and Ursies have lost all their games.

In women's volleyball, both Burton & Garran and Bruce had not been beaten when they met in the sports gym last Monday night, but Burton & Garran proved too strong on the night and won the game 2-nil. Johns and Burgmann are next on the ladder followed by Ursies and then Toad. Bruce and Burgmann halls are at the top of the men's volleyball although Johns and Burton & Garran are providing pretty tough competition.

The soccer has been set back two weeks because of wet weather and basketball and hockey are due to start early in 3rd term. The fun-run-relay is scheduled for Sunday 23rd September 2.30pm. The relay is a new interhall sport this year with each hall entering one official team of four guys and four girls, running a total distance of 17.5km per team.

The interhall sports timetable at present:

- Squash - Sat. mornings (gym)
- G. final - TBA
- Volleyball - Mon. nights (gym)
- G. final - Fri. 14 Sept.
- Rugby League - Sun (& some Sat.) mornings (North Oval) G final Sun. 16 Sept.
- Soccer - Sun. a/noon (Village Green weather permitting)
- Basketball - Mon. nts. start Mon. 10 Sept.
- Fun-Run-Relay - Sun. a/noon. 23 Sept. 2.30pm
- Hockey - Sun. morns. start. Sun. 23 Sept.
- Athletics - Mon. 1st Oct. (Willows Oval) incl. Interhall BBQ.



Gold!

Results of Sports so far

Swimming

1. Bruce (293)
2. B & G (223)
3. B'mann (220)
4. Johns (153)
5. Ursies (85)
6. Toad (12)

Aussie Rules

1. Bruce (15)
2. B'mann (13)
3. Johns (11)
4. B & G (7%)
5. Ursies (7)
6. Toad (5)

Inward Bound

1. B'mann (88)
2. Ursies (87)
3. Bruce (68)
4. Johns (37)
5. B & G (33)
6. Toad (11)

Point score so far for Interhall Sports

Shield:

Bruce Hall	103
Burgmann College	82
Burton & Garran	70
John XXIII Coll.	61
Ursula College	54
Toad Hall	12

Girls Table Tennis

1. Bruce
2. B'mann
3. Johns
4. B & G
5. Ursies

Guys Table Tennis

1. B & G
2. Bruce
3. B'mann
4. Johns
5. Ursies

Netball

1. Bruce (16)
2. Ursies (13)
3. Johns (10)
4. B & G (7)
5. B'mann (4)

Tennis

1. Bruce (14)
2. B & G (10)
3. B'mann (8)
4. Johns (8)
5. Ursies (3)

Softball

1. B'mann (16)
2. Bruce (10%)
3. B & G (10)
4. Johns (6)
5. Ursies (2)



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ALMOST THE A.N.U. REPORTER

Overpaid Academics Leak!

WOW, DIG THIS

Woroni has just made the big-time: We've become the recipient of a LEAKED DOCUMENT!

A copy of ANU circular Number 1220 entitled 'Travel Allowances' was sent to us recently. It states that the maximum rates of travel allowances payable to Directors and Deans have been increased. They will now be paid up to \$125 per day for 'duty journeys made overnight within Australia'.

The leaker of this vital document added these words:

"The rate is 14 times as much as TEAS, tax free. The salary is probably as much again, less tax. The difference in level of affluence must be about a factor of 20, in these hard times!"

Woroni thanks our mole in the upper echelons of the ANU bureaucracy, but it should be borne in mind that academics probably do at least 20 times as much work as undergraduates and have a mortgage or two on their modest residences. Studies have conclusively shown that the vast majority of academics were at one stage in their lives undergraduates. Figures on the relative proportions of students with rich mummies and daddies in 1984 and thirty years ago are not, unfortunately, to hand.

Woroni welcomes juicy tidbits from disgruntled academics who have just been passed over for a nice promotion.

Milton Friedman Assent On Pool

Controversy raged around the campus, and back again, over the proposal to build a swimming pool for the exclusive use of University staff, Cabinet Ministers, film stars, Boy George etc., complete with armed guards, and self-destruct mechanism.

Approval was tentatively given for construction after the Vice-Chancellor, Blinky Bill, recently commissioned several senior drinkers from the Faculty of Facism and Offensive Behaviour to perform a cost-benefit analysis on the proposal, who concluded that it was kosher if Milton Friedman said it was. The august scholar was duly contacted, and gave his assent, provided he could fly over and use it on weekends.

However, unhappy students, claiming that the staff-only proposal conformed to every known law of ethics since the colonization of South Africa, protested at their inability to be immediately eligible for elite status by hijacking the Beach Boys, Annette Funicello and Lassie, placing them in the Chancery Fountain, and making them eat the resident fish in time to music.

Further action has been promised by professionally engaged student activists, unless the powers-that-be accept the alternative proposal, which is an Olympic-size pool in the Union Bar.

Lanterns

The nocturnal inhabitants of the banks of Sullivan's Creek are amongst the only creatures on campus, sentient or otherwise, who have not had their whinge about the University's inspiring lighting facilities. Up until now, the state-of-the-art in lighting policy appeared to be only to light those areas which are, as far as possible, guaranteed rape-free zones.

The most prominent critics of the inadequate facilities include Androgynes on Campus, Rap-Dancers For Peace ("hip hop to stop the drop"), and select members of the ANU Gliberal Society. The Androgynes want stadium-standard flood-lighting across the entire University grounds, as otherwise it's difficult to locate all the perverts lurking behind bushes so as to beat their heads in with truncheons. The Rap-Dancers want a disco-style light show, complete with a revolving mirror-ball, hanging from a tree, at their favourite rehearsal spot, as in the dark they can't see when the person next to them has finished wobbling their arm, and so keep losing the rhythm, baby. The Glibers who actually raised their voices to gurgle incoherently were simply those among them too dim to realise that, no, after all, they weren't at a rally to ban AUS.

Meanwhile, SA President Enfant Terrible vowed to fight the good fight, and if he is successful, then the only person you'll be able to blame if you fracture something valuable while stumbling back to college from the bar late one night, is your own stupid self.

Bounceperson Missing Link

Erstwhile bounceperson for the Union Bar, Ugh, was embroiled in an emphatically entangled imbrogio quite some time ago, when he was hauled, quacking and whimpering, before the might of the SA, charged with attempting to damage the Union Building by repeatedly throwing people against it. While calls for his resignation echoed loudly around the meeting hall, a strident minority vehemently opposed this view. They wanted him hung, drawn, and quartered.

Fortunately, the outcome has been a happy one for all, with Ugh being caged by the Department of Stones, Bones, and Things, and displayed as the missing link. The Department feels that this arrangement will be most beneficial to undergraduates, especially once the dissecting starts.



Holy Sperm

Biblebashers Anonymous were apparently upset by suggestions that their ostensibly fishy symbol was actually a representation of the Holy Sperm which led to the conception of Our Lord. Angrily rebutting this claim, several spokes-praise-the-Law-brudders-and-sisters for the BA pointed out that the conception was in all respects, an immaculate one, and that an Almighty Whisper in the ear was sufficient for the purpose.

In response, several excitable mad scientists from the artificial insemination section of the Research School of Test Tubes have proposed the establishment of an ear-bank, preferably in a wind tunnel.

While on the subject of our devoted spiritual siblings, one of the brethren was recently taken to Canberra Hospital for an operation to remove his white shirt.

Campus Battle

The Battle of the Genders scuffled its way into the limelight earlier this year with the Androgynes on Campus conducting a no-holds-barred campaign against the University Poofster Bashers Union, Mate, a motley collection of the stupider of the species bent on the addlement of 'everybody else's brain cells and the utter obliteration of their own. The battle was pitched around and about the walls of the ANU campus, with the objectives apparently being:

(a) who could cause as much affront to the innocent populace as possible, and,

(b) who could cover over as many of the opposition's posters as possible.

It all began with the notorious "Keep your male on a leash (and don't let him soil the footpath)" posters. The Poofster Bashers, as erudite as ever, displayed brevity in their quick "Castrate women!" response. "If women ain't got nothing there, who's gonna rape 'em?" explained a spokesgonzo for UPBUM, between liquid laughs. Then recommenced marking his first year accounting assignments.

Meanwhile, the sparks continued to fly as the AOC inserted a statement in the student rag, Baloney, to clarify their intentions. "The posters were meant to cause offence," it claimed, "Men offend us." It did go on, however, to reassure that they would not hold too much against the males "as they couldn't help not being born women."

"They do give us a useful guide as to what not to turn out like,"

— A Round-up of Recent Events

by Heironymous Gubbins

Spankaas

ANU PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE RECENT SPANKAAS CONFERENCE, HELD HERE LAST SEMESTER:

"On the Ongoing Validity of Papers Whose Titles BEgin With 'On The...'"

Department of Pretentiousness, Faculty of Meaningful Interfaces.

"Counting Backwards; An Alternative to Subtraction?"

Department of Pure Lunacy, Research School of Research

"From Manet to Monet; Only One Page In Any Sensibly Ordered Art Book"

Department of Being a Smart-Arse Ponce in Restaurants, Faculty of Meaningful Interfaces

"Quasi-Convex Non-Linear Combinations in a Dynamic Empty-Core Strategy over a Finite-Horizon Rational Expectations Disequilibrium path Exhibiting Partial Kinkiness and a Whole Bunch of Other Fetishes Which Don't Bear Repeating — A Preliminary Report"

Department of Having Trouble with Our Numbers, Research School of Research.

"The Phallic Role of the Pancake in Fourteenth Century Scandinavian Literature, and the Subsequent Rise of the Multinational Corporation: A Perspective"

Department of Botany, Faculty of Earth, Air, Fire and Water.

"The Alphabet: A Game — Theoretic Approach"

Department of a couple of Blokes who were Actually Supposed to be Installing New Pinball Machines. (Guest lecture)

"How Best to Make your Pet Squeal in Agony (Methods in Operations Research)"

The John Ferret School of Sticking Things into Cats.

New Societies

- Anti-Pasta League
- Turds on Campus
- Philosophy Breeding Group
- The Pneumonia Club (formerly Sullivan's Creek Nude Bathers Society)
- Student Disgruntlement Group
- Toad-Sexers on Campus, But Only in Secluded Spots.
- Pedestrians Right in the Way of My Fucking Bike on Campus
- Cyclists With Machetes on Campus
- Dyslexics No Scampu
- The Unbelievable Bores (formerly The Rubik-Cube Appreciation Society)
- Pimple Squeezers on Campuspuspus
- Midgets with a Mission
- The Refectory Loudmouth Wankers Group
- Campus Amateur Drongo Society
- ANU Luncheon Group of Pretentious Pratta
- Rugby Players on Crutches on Campus
- Rugby Players in Traction in Hospital
- Wimps Against Weightlifting.

